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Editorial

Well, 2007 is almost over and, for some, 2008 is well under way. I still have to pinch myself every now and then to check that I am not dreaming all this. You see, back in the 1970s when I was an impressionable teenager surrounded by meditating, healthy, peaceful visualisers of the future, some of us anticipated global cataclysm to strike in a variety of forms. On the environmental front, we were told to expect a sudden catastrophic ice age as a result of mankind's impact on the climate; on the political front, we were told to expect a nuclear holocaust between America and Russia; on the cosmic front, we were told to expect global annihilation as a result of the planets being aligned on one side of the Sun (aka "the Jupiter effect"); and on the consciousness front, we were told to expect the beginning of the Age of Aquarius. In other words, I expected to be either dead or living in Paradise by now.

"So what's changed?" I hear you ask. Russia and the West are growling at each other, each with vastly improved secret weaponry. We are now told to look forward to an age of global warming—not an ice age—as a result of human-induced climate change. Many are focusing on a cataclysmic change date of 2011 or 2012, when it's expected that Jesus/Satan/ETs/Illuminati, or lots of people meditating and praying, will step in and sort things out, while others wonder whether the date has been miscalculated and is very nearly upon us. Meanwhile, the steady march towards globalisation—in governance, currency and economic interdependence—continues unabated.

People keep asking me, "What can we do to fight all this?" I find myself saying again and again that we cannot fight this. To fight it is to become that which we are seeking to move away from. I find myself saying, "Build the new; don't fight the old". After 30 years of searching for answers, I find myself actually believing in the science of conscious visualisation/prayer/imagination and its ability to effect change. So if you want a better world, visualise it and imagine how you would feel in it. I hope that one day, science will "discover" the mechanics of how thoughts and feelings control our perception of reality.

We have some great articles (again) to whet your information appetite. Project Censored has released its list of top 25 censored stories for the last 18 months, and it's an eye-opener. Note the underreported item about the President of Iran. We were told by the war spruikers that he said "Israel should be wiped off the map", but he said no such thing.

On the health front, we have three articles. The first is a timely look at how informed health consumers are challenging the healthcare system status quo by exchanging information on what remedies work best for them; while the second emphasises the importance of dietary iodine in maintaining health and preventing/treating various illnesses including cancer. Australians and New Zealanders particularly should take note, as arguably we have the most iodine-deficient soils on the planet. To find out more, don't contact us; go to <http://www.iodinesource.com>, and also check out the article references. The third health-related article is the concluding part of the interview with Alfons Ven, whom I greatly respect and admire for his humility, courage and uncanny healing abilities.

The first part of the article on whether Hitler died in the Berlin bunker as per the history books resulted in some very interesting letters, a couple of which are reproduced in our Letters section. The second part is full of intrigue about the forensic dental evidence.

On the science front, the discussion on time lines is long overdue in NEXUS, in my opinion. Most people work on the assumption that there is only *one* time line—a linear mental construct with the present in the middle, the past going back to the left and the future going forward to the right. I believe there is an infinite number of time lines, and I finally found a writer, David Barclay, who can voice these same ideas coherently. The article on solving the cosmological-constant problem is from mechanical engineer Ron Pearson, who proposes solutions to inaccuracies in Big Bang and relativity theories.

On a final note, I'm happy to report that the recent NEXUS Conference in southeast Queensland went really well. It was an experiment of sorts in trying out a new venue in a laid-back location and seeing how opening up the event to relevant exhibitors would work. We ended up with the largest attendance of any NEXUS Conference, and everyone had a great time, with many regulars saying it was "the best yet"! Until next time...

– Duncan

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Letters to the Editor ...

B12 Success with Alzheimer's

Dear Duncan: First of all, I've been buying your magazine for ages and it's the most informative magazine I've ever read. Long may it continue.

I live in Maleny (southeast Queensland) and have been a carer for my mother, who has Alzheimer's disease, for 10 years. It has been a hugely stressful situation for both of us, and it has been heartbreaking to watch her deterioration. After I read your article by Joseph Hattersley (vol. 14, no. 6) about B12 deficiency, I immediately put my mother on 3,000 mcg of vitamin B12 per day.

After four days, the change in her was amazing. The wide-eyed, crazed look disappeared from her eyes, her agitation and fearfulness disappeared, too, as did the constant pacing around and repetitive behaviour. She "grew" inches in height. She had been shuffling around, bent over at a 90-degree angle, but began to straighten again.

I have been getting some sense out of her conversations again, when before she was talking utter nonsense. She was able to tell me that she had been "feeling very ill for a long time", but now felt "much better". She also told me that she had felt very "agitated and frightened from people" but now felt "normal" and "calm" again. She is not 100 per cent and still suffers confusion, particularly as the day goes on, but still I am astonished at the improvement.

I have also been in contact with Alfons Ven, who has very kindly sent her some of his tablets for Alzheimer's [see part one in vol. 14, no. 6 and part two in this edition; Ed.]. She took the first one today, and so I am also waiting excitedly to see the results of his cure for Alzheimer's disease.

In addition, I have been weaning my mother off Risperdal, which she had been given for Alzheimer's and which I have since discovered should never be given to the elderly as it causes awful side effects including stroke.

Thank you so much for those articles. The amount of stress that

has been removed from my life and my mother's can't be counted, and to look at my mother now and see how much she has improved is just mind-boggling...

Best wishes,
Faye Y., Queensland, Australia

The Harm in Big Pharma

Dear Duncan: Thank you for running the important article on Wikipedia bias (vol. 14, no. 6). We in the alternative healthcare community have noted that this bias is especially severe with regard to advanced healthcare therapies that are not part of the Big Pharma agenda.

The author is correct that there is a "sceptic" (and "quackwatch") posse that uses Wikipedia to denigrate advanced therapies. We see the same gang using sophisticated interweavings of Wiki articles, web rings and other online techniques to "control" information about complementary and alternative modalities (CAM) in ways that harm the public but help Big Pharma. There is some evidence that PR firms with close corporate connections are behind this abuse of the Internet, as WikiScanner shows.

This attack coordinates with the efforts of Big Pharma through Codex Alimentarius and the North American Union (similar to attacks in the European Union, Australia and New Zealand) to prevent the public from receiving truthful and not misleading information about nutrients and their value in preventing the many diseases of undernutrition and malnutrition: diabetes, cancer, heart disease, etc.

A number of people in the advanced healthcare community in the US are seeking to establish alternatives to these tainted media, and good alternative information can be found on websites such as the Institute for Health Research (<http://www.inhere.org>) and the Natural Solutions Foundation (www.globalhealthfreedom.org), so we urge NEXUS New Times readers to look out for important initiatives in this area in 2008,

especially with Dr Ron Paul's strong support for healthcare freedom of choice, the Global Health Freedom site being especially important in this regard.

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Hitler's Flight to Freedom?

Hello, Duncan: Your article "Fabricating the Death of Adolf Hitler" [part one, 14/06] vividly projected me into the time frame of your subject.

To comment on your article, I feel obliged to introduce myself. My name is Dieter H. B. Protsch, born on 29 April 1932 in Berlin, Germany, as the eldest child to two loving parents who were members of the NSDAP (Nazi Party) and were close friends of Prince "Auwi" (August Wilhelm), the Kaiser's son, and Dr Joseph Goebbels (who became my godfather). When my parents left the party in 1939, only Auwi maintained contact. My father joined the German Air Force and later served in various campaigns that included service under Field Marshal Erwin Rommel in Africa.

As the eldest in the family, I took it upon myself to assume unusually responsible tasks. Bombed out during the Allied air raids, the family was evacuated to the Polish border area from which we later had to flee from the advancing Soviet Army.

As a member of the Hitler Youth's Jungvolk, I finally ended up in the Volkssturm during the last combat phases in Berlin. Being without a permanent home, my family ended up living mostly in basements or with some distant relatives.

Coming back to your article, I must relate an unusual experience during the last phases of the Berlin defence. Searching for food for the family one night, I stumbled upon a basement occupied by several Waffen-SS men operating radio equipment. Spotted, I was

briefly detained. Given some food, chocolate and rest, I then witnessed an unusual outburst by the head communicator who jubilantly shouted that the Führer had got his late birthday present and made it out, thanks to Hanna Reitsch. After that, they mentioned the fact that she had been in the *Führerbunker* for several days, apparently for that purpose.

After they gave me some more bread, they sent me on my way, wishing me good luck and handing me the only and latest issue of the abbreviated newsletter for the defenders of Berlin: the so-called *Panzerbär*, dated 29 April 1945. I suddenly realised that it was my birthday, not even knowing what day it was. After a night's rest, still thinking about what I had witnessed, I rejoined my group of somewhat disorganised "fighters", only to be captured by a group of seemingly drunk Soviet soldiers. My POW status only lasted three days, but it took several weeks to rejoin my family.

Did Hitler really make it out of Berlin, using the Unter den Linden Allee and a Fieseler *Storch* flown by Hanna Reitsch? Did Eva Hitler also leave?

Subsequent readings such as *The Fall of Berlin 1945* by Antony Beevor, using actual Soviet material and records, seem to confirm that none of the bodies found in the bunker was truly identified as that of Hitler or Eva. The Soviets made sure that no traces were left to identify the bodies through DNA testing.

After my emigration to the United States, where I served for 20 years as a Special Forces officer, I returned to Germany on three tours—one of which included Berlin as well as Korea and Vietnam.

Some of my sources also believed that Hitler left Germany for South America, turning command over to Admiral Dönitz.

I must admit I had an unusual career, which prompted me to write my memoir, *Be All You Can Be: From a Hitler Youth in WWII to a US Army Green Beret*.

... more Letters to the Editor

NB: Please keep letters to approx. 150 to 250 words in length. Ed.

Should you be able to access the book, published by Trafford Publishing (Canada), I go into more detail on page 31 regarding the SS communicators.

After many years of reading NEXUS, my wife and I are constantly looking forward to the next issues.

Sincerely,
Dieter H. B. Protsch, Major (Ret.), US Army

Hunting Hitler's "Black Boats"

A friend forwarded a copy of the magazine with the article by Giordan Smith, in which he details that Adolf Hitler did not die in the bunker in Berlin [part one, 14/06]. He is absolutely correct, and anyone who believes the old manufactured propaganda story about the suicide of Adolf Hitler and Eva Braun (Hitler) is probably still waiting for the arrival of the Easter bunny! They did indeed get out of Europe—and the major world leaders at the time knew it.

We at Sharkhunters are the world's experts on U-boat activities during the war and after the war—yes, *after* the war when the "black boats" made the run from Spain to Argentina. Sharkhunters is not a small operation or a hobby; we have more than 7,300 members in 75 countries and our HQ is in Florida, USA.

One of our members was a petty officer on one of the "black boats" that operated until 1947 and his boat made three trips to South America after the war. The mountain of evidence is overwhelming.

I am personally going to South America in a few months' time to talk with a good friend, now 95 years old, who is the only German agent still living who was placed on the shores of the USA by U-boat. I am also going to a little island in the middle of the Atlantic where "black boats" and other smuggling ships picked up food and fresh water on the way to Argentina through mid-1947—two years after the German surrender. Last, we are investigating the

apparent hulks of not one but two scuttled U-boats in a very remote bay far, far away from...anything.

For more information on Hitler's escape, see <http://www.sharkhunters.com/working.htm>. Hitler lived until the middle 1950s, and that is known to the major intelligence groups.

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Metaphorical Gospels

Dear Duncan: The reaction to my article "The Forged Origins of Christianity" (NEXUS, June–July 2007, vol. 14, no. 5) was stunning, with people corresponding from such faraway places as Chile, the Chatham Islands and the Orkneys. Congratulations, Duncan; NEXUS Magazine is truly a global force.

Those who opposed my findings should reserve judgement until they absorb new information revealed in an upcoming book that publishes charred codices from the first Christian council at Nicaea in 325 CE. These records were found in 1890 in a genizah in the Seraglio Library in Constantinople (Istanbul today), and their existence provides incontrovertible evidence that the Gospels are not products of historical thinking but consequences of a manuscript tradition that merged ancient philosophical metaphors and ideological fables into allegory.

Thus, the stories of Jesus, Mary and Peter are not about history, but are literary discourses in which abstract ideas are personified—a common trait in all biblical traditions.

That is why there are no historical records of Jesus Christ, Moses, Solomon or David, for they are mythical figures in a literary fictional world of ancient theological prose. Like the Dead Sea Scrolls, the Gospels are metaphorical dissertations, not records of past events, and to treat them as if they are history is to misunderstand the customs of the times in which they were written.

Kind regards,
Tony Bushby

Healthy Diet for Healthy Pets

Dear Duncan: We would like to congratulate veterinarian Dr Tom Lonsdale for actually admitting the errors of his ways and condemning conventional veterinary wisdom [see 14/06].

We found his well-overdue article really hit the nail on the head for us seasoned Natural Rearers.

We have tried and tested, under our own steam, the Natural Rearing wisdom shared with us through *The Complete Herbal Handbook for Farm and Stable* by Juliette de Bairacli Levy and found her documentary (aired on TV once at the ridiculous time of 11.30 pm) to be inspirational in the rearing of our three Dobermans, one of which is still living at 12.5 years.

We found our way after the tragic life we put our first dog through—with constant feeding of pills and injections throughout his life, the poor diet we had him on, the heart attacks he endured, and then for him to be kept alive with more pills shoved down his throat, only to have him die in my arms at nine years.

Friends would comment on his fetid breath and foul rear-end odours, and his ablutions were worse than a cow pat. We all put it down to "He's a dog; they all smell like that", but in truth we were killing our dog from the inside with unnatural rearing practices, i.e., feeding processed dog food and very little else.

With our newfound knowledge, we went about to breed our first litter of Naturally Reared puppies. Our bitch gave birth to 11 perfect puppies on her own and reared them all herself; we only took good care of her and she did the rest. When we sold the pups, we gave their new carers a simple guide for caring for them; snippets from that guide are as follows:

If you rear a puppy according to the laws of nature, i.e., with a natural diet of raw foods, abundant sunlight, fresh air and exercise, hygienic kennelling, lots of green grass, *no chemicals or injections* of any sort, you will have a strong

and healthy dog for many years to come.

The Natural Rearing Diet (NRD) recommends that there be one meatless day per week, substituting with whole milk, eggs, white cheeses, wholegrain cereals, rice, beans, lentils, etc., followed by a one-day fast, giving fluids only and a laxative the same night (cod liver oil), plus fresh herbs the next morning in their wholegrain cereal.

This simple method rests the kidneys, wards off toxins and worms and rejuvenates the animal. Hungry animals can be given a little honey in their water during fasts.

So the NRD looks like this: four days of meat, one meatless day, one fasting day (two if the pet is not well), and a half-day on herbs and bran in the morning and good fresh meat and garlic at night.

Variations for dinner meat meals may include grated carrot, fresh herbs (parsley, dandelion, clovers, lettuce, all finely chopped). Add cod liver oil in winter and olive oil or grapeseed oil in summer. Give large, uncooked, split bones after midday to gnaw. (Raw chicken legs and wings are full of calcium.)

We sincerely hope all your readers take on board the seriousness of what Dr Lonsdale is conveying.

We certainly still use our vet for anything that arises that is out of our control, but we leave his trained and expert skills for animals that are in much need of more serious doctoring. Our dreams lie with the combination of both these practices going hand in hand to have healthier animals and happier pet owners.

Please buy Juliette's book that Dr Lonsdale recommends—*The Complete Herbal Handbook for the Dog and Cat*—if you only have dogs or cats, because she will give you the confidence and reassurance to do the NRD. May Juliette rest in peace, knowing that she has made a difference.

Happy caring for your loved ones.

Wade and Chris S., Australia

DRUG SIDE EFFECTS INCREASING AT ALARMING RATE

Reports of harmful side effects from pharmaceutical drugs are rising at an alarming rate. Serious consequences, such as a reaction that threatened a patient's life or caused a disability, were 2.6 times more frequent in 2005 than in 1998, while deaths increased by 2.7 times, from 5,519 in 1998 to 15,107 in 2005, say researchers who examined data collected by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA). By some estimates, UK figures are even worse.

Despite the hundreds of millions of dollars that are spent getting a drug to market, the system for monitoring drug safety after approval is far from watertight. The FDA relies on reports from doctors and patients, but when several drugs are being taken at once it is often impossible to know which was to blame for any side effect. Also, since the system is voluntary, many reactions may be going unreported.

This means that even though 90,000 reports were sent to the FDA in 2005, it is hard to know the true scale of the problem, says Thomas Moore of the Institute for Safe Medication Practices in Pennsylvania, one of the authors of the study (*Archives of Internal Medicine*, vol 167, p 1752).

Yet even if the absolute number remains



unknown, the increase is troubling. The number of prescriptions went up between 1998 and 2005, but adverse reactions increased four times as fast. Drugs that were withdrawn for safety reasons caused a quarter of the early reactions, but contributed to less than one per cent of total reports in 2005.

Whatever the cause, the authors say, many different drugs seem to be involved, so monitoring needs to be beefed up. "This growing toll of serious injury shows that the existing system is not adequately protecting patients," Moore says.

(Source: *New Scientist*, 15 September 2007)

VACCINATED CHILDREN MORE LIKELY TO HAVE ADHD, AUTISM

A new survey indicates a strong correlation between rates of neurological disorders, such as ADHD and autism, and childhood vaccinations.

The survey, commissioned by Generation Rescue, compared more than 17,000 vaccinated and unvaccinated children in nine counties in Oregon and California. The survey found that, among more than 9,000 boys aged 4–17, vaccinated boys were two-and-a-half times (155%) more likely to have neurological disorders compared to their unvaccinated peers. Vaccinated boys were 224% more likely to have Attention Deficit Hyperactivity

Disorder (ADHD) and 61% more likely to have autism.

For older vaccinated boys (11–17), the results were even more pronounced. Vaccinated boys were 158% more likely to have a neurological disorder, 317% more likely to have ADHD and 112% more likely to have autism.

Generation Rescue also ran a full-page advertisement in *USA Today*. The ad compares the 36 paediatric vaccines that the CDC recommends today to the 10 recommended in 1983, and asks: "Are we over-vaccinating our kids?"

From 1983 to 2007, autism rates climbed from one in 10,000 children to one in 150 children, a growth rate of 6,000% (boys are significantly more affected by neurological disorders, accounting for approximately 80% of all cases). In the same period, the CDC's recommended vaccine schedule more than tripled.

The simmering debate over the cause of childhood neurological disorders shows no sign of cooling, but until now, no study had ever been done to look at unvaccinated children.

Generation Rescue was formed by parents of children who have been diagnosed with childhood neurological disorders (NDs), and is dedicated to examining the causes and biomedical treatments for autism, Asperger's, ADHD, ADD, PDD-NOS and other learning disabilities.

(Source: *Generation Rescue press release*, 25 September 2007, http://www.generationrescue.org/survey_pr.html)



... GLOBAL NEWS ...

INACCURACIES IN AL GORE'S "AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH"

The decision by the UK government to distribute Al Gore's film *An Inconvenient Truth* into schools has been the subject of a legal action by New Party member Stewart Dimmock. The Court found that the film was misleading in nine respects and that the Guidance Notes drafted by the Education Secretary's advisers served only to exacerbate the political propaganda in the film.

In order for the film to be shown, the UK government must first amend its Guidance Notes to Teachers to make clear that:

- 1) The film is a political work and promotes only one side of the argument;
- 2) If teachers present the film without making this plain, they may be in breach of section 406 of the Education Act 1996 and guilty of political indoctrination;
- 3) Nine inaccuracies have to be specifically drawn to the attention of schoolchildren.

The inaccuracies are that the film:

- claims that melting snows on Mount Kilimanjaro are evidence of global warming. The government's expert was forced to concede that this is not correct.
- suggests that evidence from ice cores proves that rising CO₂ caused temperature increases over 650,000 years. The Court found that the film was misleading: over that period, the rises in CO₂ lagged behind the temperature rises by 800 to 2,000 years.
- uses emotive images of hurricane Katrina and suggests that this has been caused by global warming. The government's expert had to accept that it was "not possible" to attribute one-off events to global warming.
- shows the drying up of Lake Chad and claims that this was caused by global warming. The government's expert had to accept that this was not the case.
- claims that a study showed that polar bears had drowned due to disappearing Arctic ice. It turned out that Mr Gore had misread the study: in fact, four polar bears drowned due to a particularly violent storm.
- threatens that global warming could stop the Gulf Stream, throwing

Europe into an ice age. The claimant's evidence was that this is a scientific impossibility.

- blames global warming for species losses including coral reef bleaching. The government could not find any evidence to support this claim.

- suggests that sea levels could rise by seven metres, causing the displacement of millions of people. In fact, the evidence is that sea levels are expected to rise by about 40 centimetres over the next 100 years and that there is no such threat of massive migration.

- claims that rising sea levels have caused the evacuation of certain Pacific Islanders to New Zealand. The government is unable to substantiate this, and the Court observed that this appears to be a false claim.

(Source: *The New Party News*, 3 October 2007, <http://www.newparty.co.uk>)

HOW EL NIÑO SLOWS THE EARTH'S SPIN

El Niño has an immense impact on the weather—so great, in fact, that the ocean warming phenomenon actually makes the planet spin more slowly. Until now, though, no one knew why. It was also a mystery as to why the effect did not kick in for several weeks after ocean temperatures reached their peak.

Now, Jean Dickey and her colleagues at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena say that the answer is blowing in the wind.

El Niño events warm Pacific Ocean surface waters in the tropics, resulting in strong westerly thermal winds. The total Earth system spins with a constant speed,

but these winds make the atmosphere spin slightly faster. Due to the conservation of angular momentum, the body of the Earth then slows to compensate, making the days a little longer. Because the atmosphere dissipates heat slowly, the temperature takes a month or two to reach its peak, explaining the delay in the Earth's deceleration (*Geophysical Research Letters*, DOI: 10.1029/2007 GL030846).

The effect is slight, says Dickey. "The overall changes of angular momentum between the Earth and atmosphere during El Niño cause a slowdown at the 1 millisecond [per day] level," she says. (Source: *New Scientist*, 21 October 2007)

GREAT PACIFIC GARBAGE PATCH

The so-called Great Pacific Garbage Patch, a stewy body of plastic and marine debris that floats an estimated 1,000 miles west of San Francisco, is a shape-shifting mass far too large, delicate and remote ever to be cleaned up, according to a researcher who recently returned from the area.

Charles Moore, the marine researcher at the Algalita Marina Research Foundation in Long Beach who has been studying and publicising the patch for the past 10 years, said the debris—which he estimates weighs three million tons and covers an area twice the size of Texas—is made up mostly of fine plastic chips and is impossible to skim out of the ocean.

The trash collects in one area, known as the North Pacific Gyre, due to a clockwise trade wind that circulates along the Pacific Rim. It accumulates the same way that bubbles gather at the centre of a hot tub, Moore said.



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While the bottle floats along, instead of biodegrading it will "photodegrade", he said. The Sun's UV rays will turn the bottle brittle, much like they would crack the vinyl on a car roof. They will break down the bottle into small pieces and, in some cases, into particles as fine as dust.

The Garbage Patch is not a solid island, as some people believe, Moore said. Instead, it resembles a soupy mass, interspersed with large pieces of junk such as derelict fishing nets and waterlogged tyres—"an alphabet soup", he called it. Also, it's undetectable by overhead satellite photos because it's 80 per cent plastic and therefore translucent, Moore added.

The plastic moves just beneath the surface, from one inch to depths of 300 feet [91.44 metres], according to samples he collected on the most recent trip, he said.

"The ocean is downhill from everywhere," Moore said. "It's like a toilet that never flushes. You can't take these particles out of the ocean. You can just stop putting them in."

(Source: San Francisco Chronicle, 30 October 2007)

SCALE OF PHARMA PAYMENTS TO MED SCHOOLS REVEALED

Stock options, free meals, lecture fees—the pharmaceutical industry showers them all on department heads at some US medical schools. Drug companies are big investors in medical research and post-qualification training for doctors.

Now, a survey by Eric Campbell of Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston and his colleagues has put figures on the industry's involvement.

Nearly two-thirds of department heads from 140 medical school and teaching hospitals said they had some relationship with industry. Over a quarter acted as paid consultants and one in 10 sat on a board of directors. Five of the 459 heads reported receiving gifts such as tickets to sporting events in the last year—something that industry guidelines generally prohibit (*Journal of the American Medical Association*, vol. 298, p. 1779).

Department heads said they were happy to accept grants of less than \$10,000 for educational purposes, but showed concern about larger payments.

Financial incentives could make them less vigilant about ensuring that educational materials and research plans were not biased towards specific treatments, Campbell warns.

(Source: New Scientist, 19 October 2007)

POISONED RUSSIAN EX-SPY WAS A PAID MI6 AGENT

Former Russian spy Alexander Litvinenko was receiving a retainer of around £2,000 a month from the British security services at the time he was poisoned.

The disclosure by diplomatic and intelligence sources is the latest twist in the Litvinenko affair, which has plunged relations between London and Moscow to their lowest point since the Cold War.

On the day of the poisoning, 1 November, former KGB agent Mr Litvinenko met prime suspect Andrei Lugovoy at the Millennium Hotel in Grosvenor Square, London.

Mr Lugovoy claims that Mr Litvinenko

tried to recruit him to supply information to MI6. The businessman, another former KGB agent, also alleged that his ex-colleague asked him to find candidates for political asylum in the UK. He left Britain for Russia soon after, and has never returned.

Mr Litvinenko had defected to Britain in 2000 and was granted political asylum the following year.

It is understood that Sir John Scarlett, now the head of MI6 and once based in Moscow, was involved in recruiting him to the Secret Intelligence Service.

The fact that the 43-year-old Russian ex-spy was actually working for Britain when he died could provide the key to his extraordinary killing.

Mr Lugovoy has admitted to meeting Mr Litvinenko, a former lieutenant-colonel in the FSB (the re-styled KGB), several times in the months before his death. But he claimed he was being made a scapegoat for the death. He said that he believes MI6 was involved in the murder because agents had been unhappy at the way Mr Litvinenko had boasted of his links to the agency.

(Source: The Daily Mail, 26 October 2007)

PUTIN WARNS OF THOSE WHO WOULD RULE MANKIND

Russian President Vladimir Putin has claimed that Russia is under threat from others who wish to split the country and take its vast natural resources.

Mr Putin told a group of military cadets and youth group members that while "an overwhelming majority of people in the world" are friendly towards Russia, there are some who "keep saying to this day that our nation should be split".

"Some believe that we are too lucky to possess so much natural wealth, which they say must be divided," Mr Putin said, speaking on National Unity Day.

"These people have lost their mind," he added with a smile.

Mr Putin in the same breath took a shot at the USA, saying there are people who "would like to build a unipolar world and rule over all of mankind". He said any attempt to establish a unipolar world was doomed to fail.

"Nothing of this kind has ever occurred in our planet's history, and I don't think it will ever happen," the president said.

National Unity Day was created by Mr Putin in 2005 to replace a holiday dedicated to the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution.

(Source: The Scotsman, 5 November 2007)



OVER 5,000 US PATENTS ARE NOW STATE SECRETS

Figures released by the US Patent and Trademark Office show that secrecy orders were applied to 128 patents in the year to October 2007, taking the total to 5,002. Of the new orders, 53 were on private inventors, against 29 in 2006.

The US Invention Secrecy Act of 1951 allows US military and intelligence agencies to impose a gagging order on any patent—whether from a commercial R&D or a garage inventor—if its publication threatens national security. The secrecy orders require inventors not to reveal details of their inventions in any way—or risk two years in prison.

"I suspect that the oldest secret patents date back to the early days of nuclear weapons," says Steven Aftergood, who tracks government secrecy issues for the Federation of American Scientists. "There are certain technologies that have not ceased to be sensitive despite the passage of 50 or 60 years."

(Source: *New Scientist*, 18 October 2007)

LINK BETWEEN MICROWAVE OVENS AND OBESITY?

Microwave ovens may be to blame for kick-starting the obesity epidemic in the USA, the UK and Australia.

Professor Jane Wardle, professor of clinical psychology at University College, London, says that obesity rates started to rise soon after 1984—around the time of the rapid spread in microwave oven ownership. The mid-1980s also saw the first ready-made meals appearing in shops.

In 1980, 8% of women and 6% of men were classified as obese. By 2004, this percentage had increased to more than a quarter of all women and men.

Children are also suffering from increased levels of obesity, with 16% of those aged 2–15 classed as obese in 2003 compared with 10–12% in 1995.

Prof. Wardle said: "I looked at the figures showing rates of obesity in the population over many years and it seemed very clear it began between 1984 and 1987. So then we looked at what changes were going on in the food and activity world at that time, and one of the striking changes was there were differences in the speed with which we could prepare a meal as a consequence of the introduction of microwave [ovens]."

(Source: *BBC News*, 6 June 2007, <http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/pr/fr/-/2/hi/health/6725775.stm>)

VITAMIN & MINERAL DEFICIENCIES WIDESPREAD IN UK, EUROPE

Evidence increasingly suggests that vitamin and mineral deficiencies are widespread in the European Union. A recent report, for example, suggests that up to 3.6 million people in the UK now suffer from malnutrition. As a result, according to the British Association for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition, malnutrition currently costs the UK's National Health Service more than £7.3 billion (Euro 10.8 billion/US\$14.8 billion) a year.

With the estimates suggesting that up to six per cent of the British population could be suffering from serious vitamin and mineral deficiencies, and UK hospital figures showing malnutrition to be found in all age groups including newborn babies, one has to question the wisdom of an upcoming proposal from the European Commission—the European Union's executive body—that threatens to ban thousands of vitamin and mineral supplements from being sold in Europe. After all, it's not as if the problem of nutritional deficiencies is only confined to the UK.

In 1997, for example, a report by the European Commission into nutrient intake in European Union Member States concluded that "for almost all vitamins, minerals and trace elements, there exist one or more population groups with intakes below nationally recommended levels". People thought to be particularly at risk included: women; adolescents or children; the elderly; women during the periconceptual period; people on a diet for losing weight; people on vegetarian diets; people having allergies to foods; persons eating a high proportion of "fast foods" or "junk foods"; and others.

The nutrients found to be most often deficient included iron, iodine and vitamins B2, B6 and D—and this, despite the fact that in many cases, with the exception of iodine, they were already being added to some foods as mandatory fortificants.

Given the widespread nature of nutrient deficiencies in Europe, naturopathic doctors, natural health experts and millions of consumers are currently up in arms over the fact that the European Commission is preparing to propose, before the end of this year, restrictions on the maximum permitted levels of vitamins and minerals in food supplements.

Ignoring independent studies showing that the nutrient content of our food has fallen substantially over the past few decades, as well as an abundance of knowledge and scientific data on vitamins and nutrition that has been available for 50, 60, 70 and even 80 years, it is widely expected that the levels the Commission is planning will be highly restrictive and far below those that are necessary to achieve and maintain optimum health. If these expectations are correct, therefore, the legal enforcement of such levels will result in the enactment of Europe-wide bans upon literally thousands of food supplement products, some of which have been sold and consumed safely for decades.

Not for the first time, however, the European Commission's plans are openly at odds with some of its previous assurances. In 2002, for example, during the run-up to the adoption by the European Parliament of the controversial Food Supplements Directive, the then European Commissioner for Health and Consumer Protection, David Byrne, published a message on the Internet, on behalf of the Commission, in which he claimed that "[t]he aim is not to ban food supplements, as some have alleged".

Byrne's message was published in response to the large number of letters that the Commission had received from citizens who were concerned about the Directive and who were opposed to its adoption. Notably, therefore, Byrne specifically stated in this message that "[t]here is no doubt that most of the products marketed today are safe and of the expected quality". As such, if the maximum levels for vitamins and minerals that the Commission proposes turn out to be as low as some observers are claiming they will be, many consumers of food supplements will quite reasonably conclude that the Commission knowingly intends to ban products that it considers to be safe.

Perhaps mindful of the large numbers of European citizens who oppose the Food Supplements Directive, Byrne chose to end his message as follows: "I can assure you that your interests and those of consumers in general were at the top of our concerns when we proposed the Directive. I believe that you have every right to have a wide choice of safe and appropriately labelled food supplements available, to buy if you so wish. And I remain convinced that the Directive that will be shortly formally adopted by the European Parliament and the Council of Ministers will ensure that."

When the maximum levels are eventually announced, therefore, European citizens will finally discover whether Byrne and the Commission were telling the truth, or whether—as some have alleged—their real aim was to ban supplements and they were lying all along. (Source: by Paul A. Taylor, Dr Rath Health Foundation, http://www4.dr-rath-foundation.org/THE_FOUNDATION/vitamin_and_mineral_deficiencies_are_widespread.html)

PROJECT CENSORED'S TOP 25 NEWS STORIES

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1. No Habeas Corpus for "Any Person"

With approval of the United States Congress and no outcry from corporate media, the Military Commissions Act (MCA), signed by President Bush on October 17, 2006, ushered in military commission law for US citizens and non-citizens alike. While media, including a lead editorial in the *New York Times* of October 19, have given false comfort that American citizens will not be the victims of the draconian measures legalised by this Act—such as military round-ups and life-long detention with no rights or constitutional protections—Robert Parry points to text in the MCA that allows for the institution of a military alternative to the constitutional justice system for "any person" regardless of American citizenship. The MCA effectively does away with habeas corpus rights for "any person" arbitrarily deemed to be an "enemy of the state". The judgement on who is deemed an "enemy combatant" is solely at the discretion of President Bush.

While it is true that some parts of the MCA target non-citizens, other sections [e.g., 950q, 950v] clearly apply to US citizens as well, putting citizens inside the same tribunal system with non-citizen residents and foreigners. Besides allowing "any person" to be swallowed up by Bush's system, the law prohibits detainees once inside from appealing to the traditional American courts until after prosecution and sentencing, which could translate into an indefinite imprisonment since there are no timetables for Bush's tribunal process to play out. Other constitutional protections in the Bill of Rights, such as a speedy trial, the right to reasonable bail and the ban on "cruel and unusual punishment" would also seem to be beyond a detainee's reach.

Parry warns: "Under the cloak of setting up military tribunals to try al-Qaeda suspects and other so-called unlawful enemy combatants, Bush and the Republican-controlled Congress effectively created a parallel legal system for 'any person'—American citizen or otherwise—who crosses some ill-defined line."

(Source: Robert Parry, "Who Is 'Any Person' in Tribunal Law?", *Consortium*, October 19, 2006, <http://consortiumnews.com/2006/101906.html>, and "Still No Habeas Rights for You", *Consortium*, February 3, 2007, <http://consortiumnews.com/2007/020307.html>)

2. Bush Moves toward Martial Law

The John Warner Defense Authorization Act of 2007, which was quietly signed by President Bush on October 17, 2006, the very same day that he signed the Military Commissions Act, allows the President to station military troops anywhere in the United States and take control of state-based National Guard units without the consent of the governor or local authorities, in order to "suppress public disorder".

The law in effect repeals the 1878 Posse Comitatus Act, which placed strict prohibitions on military involvement in domestic law enforcement. As the only US criminal statute that outlawed military operations directed against the American people, it

had been Americans' best protection against tyranny enforced by martial law—the harsh system of rules that takes effect when the military takes control of the normal administration of justice.

The massive Defense Authorization Act grants the Pentagon \$532.8 billion to include implementation of the new law which furthermore facilitates militarised police round-ups of protesters, so-called illegal aliens, potential terrorists and other undesirables for detention in facilities already contracted and under construction, and transferring from the Pentagon to local police units the latest technology and weaponry designed to suppress dissent.

(Source: Frank Morales, "Bush Moves Toward Martial Law", Uruknet, October 26, 2006, <http://www.uruknet.info/?p=27769>)

3. US Military Control of Africa's Resources

In February 2007, the White House announced the formation of the US African Command (AFRICOM), a new unified Pentagon command centre in Africa, to be established by September 2008. This military penetration of Africa is being presented as a humanitarian guard in the global War on Terror. The real objective, however, is the procurement and control of Africa's oil and its global delivery systems. AFRICOM will replace US military command posts in Africa, which were formerly under the control of US European Command (EUCOM) and US Central Command (CENTCOM), with a more centralised and intensified US military presence.

It is in Western and Sub-Saharan Africa that the US military force is most rapidly increasing. In this region, challenge to US domination and exploitation is coming from the people of Africa—most specifically in Nigeria, where 70 per cent of Africa's oil is contained. Environmental and human rights activists have, for years, documented atrocities on the part of oil companies and the military in this region. Oil companies and the Pentagon are attempting to link these resistance groups to international terror networks in order to legitimise the use of the US military to "stabilise" these areas and secure the energy flow. No evidence has been found, however, to link the Niger Delta resistance groups to international terror networks or jihadists. Instead, the situation in the Niger Delta is that of ethnic-nationalist movements fighting, by any means necessary, toward the political objective of self-determination.

The volatility surrounding oil installations in Nigeria and elsewhere in the continent is used by the US security establishment to justify military "support" in African oil-producing states under the guise of helping Africans defend themselves against those who would hinder their engagement in "free trade".

(Source: Bryant Hunt, "Understanding AFRICOM", MoonofAlabama.org, February 21, 2007, http://www.moonofalabama.org/2007/02/understanding_a_1.html)

4. Frenzy of Increasingly Destructive Trade Agreements

The United States and the European Union (EU) are vigorously pursuing increasingly destructive regional and bilateral trade and investment agreements outside the auspices of the World Trade Organization (WTO). These agreements are requiring enormous irreversible concessions from developing countries, while offering almost nothing in return.

The US and EU are demanding unprecedented tariff reductions

as they dump subsidised agricultural goods on undeveloped countries (see story 21), plunging local farmers into desperate poverty. Meanwhile, they use high tariffs and stringent import quotas to protect their own producers. Unprecedented loss of livelihood, displacement, slave labour along with spiralling degradation of human rights and environments are resulting as economic governance is forced from governments of developing countries and taken over by unaccountable multinational firms.

The new generation of agreements extends far beyond the traditional area of trade policy, imposing a damaging set of binding rules in intellectual property, services and investment with much deeper consequences for development and impacts on the poor. US and EU free trade agreements (FTAs) also remove the right to share seeds among indigenous farmers, while profit margins of the world's largest agribusinesses continue to climb. New rules also pose a threat to essential services as FTAs allow foreign investors to take ownership of healthcare, education, water and public utilities. Investment chapters of new FTAs and bilateral investment treaties (BITs) allow foreign investors to sue for lost profits, including anticipated future profits, if governments change regulations, even when such reforms are in the public interest. These rules undermine the sovereignty of developing nations, transferring power to largely unaccountable multinational firms.

(Sources: Oxfam International, "Signing Away The Future" report, March 2007, http://www.oxfam.org/en/policy/briefingpapers/bp101_regional_trade_agreements_0703; Sanjay Suri, "Free Trade Enslaving Poor Countries", March 20, 2007, <http://ipsnews.org/news.asp?idnews=37008>)

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5. Human Traffic Builds US Embassy in Iraq

The enduring monument to US liberation and democracy in Iraq will be the most expensive and heavily fortified embassy in the world—and is being built by a Kuwait contractor

repeatedly accused of using forced labour trafficked from South Asia under US contracts. The \$592 million, 104-acre fortress will be equal in size to Vatican City.

With a highly secretive contract awarded by the US State Department, First Kuwaiti Trading & Contracting (FKTC) has joined the ranks of Halliburton/KBR in Iraq by using bait-and-switch recruiting practices. Thousands of citizens from countries that have banned travel or work in Iraq are being tricked, smuggled into brutal and inhumane labor camps and subjected to months of forced servitude—all in the middle of the US-controlled Green Zone, "right under the nose of the US State Department".

Though Associated Press reported that "[t]he 5,500 Americans and Iraqis working at the embassy are far more numerous than at any other US mission worldwide", there is no mention in corporate media of the 3,000 South Asian labourers living and working in dangerous, abysmal conditions.

The Pentagon has yet to announce, however, any penalty for those found to be in violation of US labour trafficking laws or contract requirements.

(Sources: Associated Press, "New US Embassy in Iraq Cloaked in Mystery," MSNBC, April 14, 2006; David Phinney, "A US Fortress Rises in Baghdad: Asian Workers Trafficked to Build World's Largest Embassy", CorpWatch, October 17, 2007, <http://www.corpwatch.org/article.php?id=14173>)

6. Operation FALCON Raids

Under the codename Operation FALCON (Federal and Local Cops Organized Nationally), a series of three federally coordinated mass arrests occurred between April 2005 and October 2006. The operation directly involved over 960 agencies (state, local and federal) and was the brainchild of Attorney General Alberto Gonzales and US Marshals Director Ben Reyna.

In what was the largest dragnet in US history, 30,150 "fugitives" were arrested. The Department of Justice supplied television networks with government-shot action videotape of marshals and local cops raiding homes and breaking down doors, "targeting the worst of the worst criminals on the run", emphasising suspected sex offenders—yet less than 10 per cent of the total were suspected sex offenders and less than two per cent owned firearms. The press has not asked, "Who were the others?" And to date, the US Marshals Service has issued no public statement as to whether the people arrested have been processed or released.

FALCON does make sense as a means of effectively setting up a chain-of-command structure that radiates from the Justice Department and relocates the levers of control to Washington, where they can be manned by members of the administration. Author Mike Whitney warns that the plan behind FALCON appears to have been devised to enhance the powers of the "unitary" executive by putting state and local law enforcement under federal supervision, ready for the institution of martial law (see story 2).

(Sources: Brenda J. Elliot, "Operation Falcon", SourceWatch, November 18, 2006, http://www.sourcewatch.org/index.php?title=Operation_FALCON; Mike Whitney, "Operation Falcon and the Looming Police State", Ukernelnet, Feb 26, 2007, <http://uruknet.info/?p=m30971&s1=h1>)

7. Behind Blackwater Inc.

The company that most embodies the privatisation of the military-industrial complex—a primary part of the Project for a New American Century and the neo-conservative revolution—is the private security firm Blackwater. Blackwater is the most powerful mercenary firm in the world, with 20,000 soldiers, the world's largest private military base, a fleet of 20 aircraft including helicopter gunships, and a private intelligence division.

Blackwater is headed by a very right-wing Christian supremacist and ex-Navy SEAL named Erik Prince, whose family has had deep neo-conservative connections. Bush's latest call for voluntary civilian military corps to accommodate the "surge" will add to over half a billion dollars in federal contracts with Blackwater, allowing Prince to create a private army to defend Christendom around the world against Muslims and others.

As Jeremy Scahill points out, private contractors currently constitute the second-largest "force" in Iraq. At last count there were about 100,000 contractors in Iraq, 48,000 of whom work as private soldiers, according to a Government Accountability Office report. These soldiers have operated with almost no oversight or effective legal constraints and are politically expedient, as contractor deaths go uncounted in the official toll. With Prince calling for the creation of a "contractor brigade" before military audiences, the Bush administration has found a back door for engaging in an undeclared expansion of occupation.

(Source: Jeremy Scahill, "Our Mercenaries in Iraq", *Democracy Now!*, January 26, 2007, <http://www.democracynow.org/article.pl?sid=07/01/26/1559232>)

8. KIA: the US Neoliberal Invasion of India

Farmers' cooperatives in India are defending the nation's food security and the future of Indian farmers against the neoliberal invasion of genetically modified (GM) seed. As many as 28,000 Indian farmers have committed suicide over the last decade as a result of debt incurred from failed GM crops and competition with subsidised US crops, yet, when India's Prime Minister Singh met with US President Bush in March 2006 to finalise nuclear agreements, they also signed the Indo-US Knowledge Initiative on Agriculture (KIA), backed by Monsanto, Archer Daniels Midland (ADM) and Wal-Mart. The KIA allows for the grab of India's seed sector by Monsanto, of its trade sector by giant agribusinesses ADM and Cargill, and of its retail sector by Wal-Mart.

In one of very few public statements by a US government official regarding the KIA, Nicholas Burns, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, said: "While the civilian nuclear initiative has garnered the most attention, our first priority is to continue giving governmental support to the huge growth in business between the Indian and American private sectors. Singh has also challenged the United States to help launch a second green revolution in India's vast agricultural heartland by enlisting the help of America's great land-grant institutions."

Vandana Shiva translates: "These are twin programs about a market grab and a security alignment."

Through the KIA, Monsanto and the United States have asked for unhindered access to India's gene banks, along with a change in India's intellectual property laws to allow patents on seeds and genes and to dilute provisions that protect farmers' rights. This would be a severe blow to India's food security and self-sufficiency.

At the same time, the KIA has paved the way for Wal-Mart's plans to open 500 stores in India, starting in August 2007, which will compound the outsourcing of India's food supply and threaten 14 million small family vendors with loss of livelihood.

Farmers, however, are organising to protect themselves against



this economic invasion by maintaining traditional seed banks and setting up exemplary systems of community agrarian support.

(Sources: Nicholas Burns, "Heady Times' For India And the US", *Washington Post*, April 29, 2007; Vandana Shiva with Amy Goodman, "Vandana Shiva on Farmer Suicides, the US-India Nuclear Deal, Wal-Mart in India", *Democracy Now!*, December 13, 2006, <http://www.democracynow.org/article.pl?sid=06/12/13/1451229>)

9. Privatisation of America's Infrastructure

Americans will soon be paying Wall Street investors, Australian bankers and Spanish contractors for the privilege of driving on American roads, as more than 20 states have enacted legislation allowing public-private partnerships to build and run highways. Investment firms including Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley and The Carlyle Group are approaching state politicians with advice to sell off public highway and transportation infrastructure. When advising state officials on the future of this vital public asset, these investment firms fail to mention that their sole purpose is to pick up infrastructure at the lowest price possible in order to maximise returns for their investors. Investors, most often foreign companies, are charging tolls and insisting on "noncompete" clauses that limit governments from expanding or improving nearby roads.

Despite public concerns, the Bush administration is quietly advancing the plan to build a huge 10-lane NAFTA Super Highway, financed largely through public-private partnerships as a privately operated toll road.

(Sources: Daniel Schulman with James Ridgeway, "The Highwaymen", *Mother Jones*, February 2007, <http://www.motherjones.com/news/feature/2007/01/highwaymen.html>; Jerome R. Corsi, "Bush Administration Quietly Plans NAFTA Super Highway", *Human Events*, June 12, 2006, <http://www.humanevents.com/article.php?id=15497>)

10. Vulture Funds Threaten Poor Nations' Debt Relief

Vulture funds, otherwise known as "distressed-debt investors", are undermining UN and other global efforts to relieve impoverished Third World nations of the debt that has burdened them for many decades. These funds are financial organisations that buy up debts that are near default or bankruptcy. The vulture fund pays the original investor pennies on the dollar for the debt and then approaches the debtor to arrange a better repayment on the loan or goes after the debtor in court. A problem has arisen in recent years, however, as vulture funds have begun inserting themselves into an increasingly globalised "free market"—where no distinction is made between an irresponsible and defaulted company and a destitute and impoverished nation.

Many of these vulture funds have influential ties to powerful world leaders and the Bush administration. The risk normally faced by distressed-debt investors is virtually eliminated when they have political influence that is greater than the poor nation they are suing. They raise most of their money through legal actions in US courts, where lobbying and political contributions hold influence.

(Source: Greg Palast with Meirion Jones, "Vulture Fund Threat to Third World", *BBC Newsnight*, February 14, 2007, <http://www.informationclearinghouse.info/article17070.htm>)

11. The Scam of "Reconstruction" in Afghanistan

A June 2005 report by Action Aid reveals that much of the US tax money earmarked to rebuild Afghanistan actually ends up going no further than the pockets of wealthy US corporations. Additionally, 70 per cent of the aid that *does* make it to a recipient country is carefully "tied" to the donor nation, requiring the recipient to use the donated money to buy products and services from the donor country, often at drastically inflated prices. The US far outstrips other nations in these schemes: Action Aid calculates that 86 cents of every dollar of American aid is "phantom".

Authors Ann Jones and Fariba Nawa suggest that in order to understand the failure and fraud in the reconstruction of Afghanistan, it is important to look at the peculiar system of American aid for international development. International and national agencies—including the World Bank, the IMF and USAID, which traditionally distribute aid money to developing countries—have designed a system that is efficient in funnelling money back to the wealthy donor countries while undermining sustainable development in poor states.

Increasingly frustrated and angry Afghan communities claim that the no-bid, open-ended contracts being awarded to contractors such as Kellogg, Brown & Root/Halliburton, DynCorp, Blackwater and the Louis Berger Group are equivalent to licensed bribery, corruption, theft and money laundering.

(Sources: Ann Jones, "Why It's Not Working in Afghanistan",

Tomdispatch.com, August 27, 2006, <http://www.tomdispatch.com/index.mhtml?pid=116512>; Fariba Nawa, "Afghanistan Inc.", *CorpWatch*, October 6, 2006, <http://www.corpwatch.org/article.php?id=13518>)

12. Another Massacre in Haiti by UN Troops

Eyewitness testimony confirms indiscriminate killings by UN forces in Haiti's Cité Soleil community on December 22, 2006, reportedly as collective punishment for a mass demonstration of Lavalas supporters in which about 10,000 people rallied for the return of President Aristide, in clear condemnation of the foreign military occupation of their country.

According to residents, UN forces attacked their neighbourhood in the early morning, killing more than 30 people including women and children.

Footage taken by Haiti Information Project (HIP) videographers shows unarmed civilians dying as they tell of extensive gunfire from UN peacekeeping forces (MINUSTAH).

Although MINUSTAH denied firing from helicopter gunships, HIP captured more than three hours of video footage and a large selection of digital photos illustrating the UN's behaviour in Haiti.

A study in the *Lancet* in August 2006 estimates that 8,000 were killed and 35,000 sexually assaulted in the greater Port au Prince area during the time of the interim government (2004–2006). The study attributed human rights abuses to purported "criminals", police, anti-Lavalas gangs and UN peacekeepers.

(Sources: Haiti Information Project, "UN in Haiti: Accused of Second Massacre", *HaitiAction.net*, January 21, 2007, http://www.haitiaction.net/News/HIP/1_21_7/1_21_7.html)

Footage taken by Haiti Information Project (HIP) videographers shows unarmed civilians dying as they tell of extensive gunfire from UN peacekeeping forces (MINUSTAH).

13. Immigrant Round-ups Gain Cheap US Labour

The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) has flooded Mexico with cheap, subsidised, US agricultural products that have displaced millions of Mexican farmers. Between 2000 and 2005, Mexico lost 900,000 rural and 700,000 industrial jobs, resulting in deep unemployment. Desperate poverty has forced millions of Mexican workers north in order to feed their families.

The National Campesino Front estimates that two million farmers have been displaced by NAFTA, in many cases related to the increase in US imports.

The demand for undocumented labour in the US economy is structural. Migrants work in nearly all low-paying occupations and have become essential to the US economy in the age of global competition. Part and parcel of the slide has been the replacement of unionised US workers with migrants.

In the wake of 9/11, Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) has conducted workplace and home invasions across the country in an attempt to round up "illegal" immigrants. ICE justifies these raids under the rubric of keeping the US homeland safe and preventing terrorism. However, the real goal of these actions is to disrupt the immigrant workforce in the US and replace it with a tightly regulated non-union guest-worker program. Both the enforcement and the agenda behind this crackdown are alarming many unions.

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14. US War Criminals Impunity

A provision mysteriously tucked into the Military Commission Act (MCA) just before it passed through Congress and was signed by President Bush on October 17, 2006 (see story 1) redefines torture, removing the harshest, most controversial techniques from the definition of war crimes, and exempts the perpetrators—both interrogators and their bosses—from prosecution for such offences dating back to November 1997.

Author Jeff Stein asks: "Who slipped language into the MCA that would further exempt torturers from prosecution?" The White House denies any involvement or knowledge regarding the insertion of such language, leaving the origin of adjustments to this significant part of the MCA a mystery. Motivation for this provision leads clearly to leadership in the Bush administration, as the passage effectively rewrote the US enforcement mechanism for the Geneva War Crimes Act, which, upon sworn testimonies, would have held former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, Vice President Dick Cheney and President George W. Bush guilty of active roles in directing acts of torture upon detainees held at Guantánamo and Abu Ghraib.

A Center for Constitutional Rights spokesperson commented: "This amendment is designed to protect US government perpetrators of abuses during the 'war on terror' from prosecution."

Whatever the source, the amended provision was passed and is now a part of US law.

(Source: Jeff Stein, "A Senate Mystery Keeps Torture Alive—and Its Practitioners Free", *Congressional Quarterly*, November 22, 2006, http://public.cq.com/public/20061122_homeland.html)

15. Toxic Exposure Can Be Transmitted to Future Generations on a "Second Genetic Code"

Research suggests that, contrary to previous belief, our behaviour and our environmental conditions may program sections of our children's DNA. New evidence about how genes interact with the environment suggests that many industrial chemicals may be more ominously dangerous than previously thought. It is increasingly clear that the effects of toxic exposure may be passed on through generations, in ways that are still not fully understood.

"This introduces the concept of responsibility into genetics and inheritance," said Dr Moshe Szyf, a researcher at McGill University in Montreal. "This may revolutionize medicine. You aren't eating and exercising just for yourself, but for your lineage."

The new field of genetic research, called epigenetics, involves what scientists are referring to as a "second genetic code" which influences how genes act in the body. If DNA is the hardware of inheritance, the epigenetic system is the software; it determines which genes get turned "off" or "on" and how much of a certain protein they produce. Now, it seems that this chemical switching system may also act in reverse. Based on the recent data, researchers are intrigued by the notion that some of the genetic changes influenced by our diet, our behaviours or our environment may be passed on from generation to generation.

On average, 1,800 new chemicals are registered with the US federal government each year and about 750 of these find their way into products, all with hardly any testing for health or environmental effects.

The bad news about chemical contamination is steadily mounting, while the number of new chemicals is steadily increasing. In 2005, the EU responded to this situation by trying to enact a new law called Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of Chemicals (REACH), which requires that chemicals be tested before they are sold—not after. At the same time, US and European chemical industries—and the White House—began working overtime to subvert the European effort to enact REACH. Their efforts failed, however, and the REACH Act was adopted by the European Union in December 2006. Chemical companies throughout the US and Europe are still struggling with how they will respond to the new requirements.

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16. No Hard Evidence Connecting Bin Laden to 9/11

Osama bin Laden's role in the events of September 11, 2001 is not mentioned on the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted" poster. On June 5, 2006, author Ed Haas contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigation headquarters to ask why the poster, while claiming that bin Laden is wanted in connection with the August 1998 bombings of US embassies in Tanzania and Kenya, does not indicate that he is wanted in connection with the events of 9/11.

Rex Tomb, Chief of Investigative Publicity for the FBI, responded: "The reason why 9/11 is not mentioned on Osama bin Laden's Most Wanted page is because the FBI has no hard evidence connecting bin Laden to 9/11. Bin Laden has not been formally charged in connection to 9/11... In the case of the 1998 United States embassies being bombed, bin Laden has been formally indicted and charged by a grand jury. He has not been formally indicted and charged in connection with 9/11 because the FBI has no hard evidence connecting bin Laden to 9/11."

Haas asks: "If the US government does not have enough hard evidence connecting bin Laden to 9/11, how is it possible that it had enough evidence to invade Afghanistan to 'smoke him out of his cave'?"

Though the world was to have been convinced by the December 2001 release of a bin Laden "confession video", the Department of Defense issued a press release to accompany it, in which Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld said: "There was no doubt of bin Laden's responsibility for the 9/11 attacks even before the tape was discovered." Haas attempted to secure a reference to US government authentication of the video, to no avail.

Haas strongly suggests that we begin asking questions. "Why has the US media blindly read the government-provided 9/11 scripts, rather than investigate without passion, prejudice or bias, the events of September 11, 2001? Why has the US media blacklisted any guest that might speak of a government-sponsored 9/11 cover-up, rather than seeking out those people who have something to say about 9/11 that is contrary to the government's account? Who is controlling the media message, and how is it that the FBI has no 'hard evidence' connecting Osama bin Laden to the events of September 11, 2001, while the US media has played the bin Laden-9/11 connection story for [six] years now as if it has conclusive evidence that bin Laden is responsible for the collapse of the twin towers, the Pentagon attack, and the demise of United Flight 93?"

(Source: Ed Haas, "FBI says, 'No Hard Evidence Connecting Bin Laden to 9/11'", *The Muckraker Report*, June 6, 2006, <http://www.teamliberty.net/id267.html>)

17. Water Contaminated by Military and Corporations

Reliably pure water is growing scarce, even in the United States, where corporations, municipalities and the military pollute waters—often with little or no accountability. "Troubled Waters: An Analysis of Clean Water Act Compliance", released in March 2006 by US PIRG, the national lobby office for state Public Interest Research Groups, shows that between July 2003 and

December 2004 over 62 per cent of industrial and municipal facilities discharged pollution into US waterways at rates above limits established by the Clean Water Act. The average facility discharged pollutants in excess of its permitted limit by over 275 per cent—nearly four times the legal limit. Nationally, 436 major facilities exceeded their limits at least half of the time during the study's timeframe. Thirty-five facilities exceeded their permits during every reporting period. Seven states allowed more than 100 violations of at least 500 per cent.

Today, more than 40 per cent of US waterways are unsafe for swimming and fishing, and, as shown by the PIRG study, industrial pollution of the nation's waters persists. One reason for these ongoing failures is the Bush administration's consistent efforts to shortchange the Environmental Protection Agency's budget and to gut the 1972 Clean Water Act.

However, opposition to environmental protection for clean waterways stems from not only the Bush administration but also the US military, whose pollution poisons the very citizens it is supposed to protect in the name of national security. Weapons production by the US military and its private contractors generates more hazardous waste annually than the five largest international chemical companies combined, accounting for one-third of the nation's toxic waste. Furthermore, the US military is among the most frequent violators of environmental laws.

The Department of Defense (DoD) has sought and received exemptions from crucial public health and environmental laws. Dramatic increases in the amounts of trichloroethylene (TCE) in public aquifers have been one fatal consequence of these exemptions. TCE, a known carcinogen, is the most widespread industrial contaminant in US drinking water and is especially common around military facilities. The Pentagon is responsible for TCE contamination at over 1,400 properties.

In 2001, the EPA sought to force the government to require more thorough clean-ups at military sites by lowering

the acceptable limits on TCE from five parts per billion to one part per billion.

In response, the DoD joined the Department of Energy and NASA in blocking the EPA's proposed action. The Bush administration charged the EPA with inflating TCE's risks and called on the National Academy of Sciences to evaluate the EPA's claims. The Academy's 2003 report confirmed the EPA's assessment, linking TCE to kidney cancer, impaired neurological function, reproductive and developmental damage, autoimmune disease and other human ailments. The Bush administration and the DoD have ignored these inconvenient findings. As a result, citizens who pay for the military budget with their tax dollars are also paying with their health and sometimes their lives.

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18. Mexico's Stolen Election

Overwhelming evidence reveals massive fraud in the 2006 Mexican presidential election between "president-elect" Felipe Calderón of the conservative PAN party and Andrés Manuel López Obrador of the more liberal PRD. In an election riddled with "arithmetic mistakes", a partial recount uncovered evidence of abundant stuffing and stealing of ballots that favoured the PAN victory.

Meanwhile, US interests were significantly invested in the outcome of Mexico's election. Though neither candidate had any choice but to cooperate with the US agenda, important differences existed around energy policy, specifically with regard to foreign privatisation of Mexican oil and gas reserves. Calderón promised a more thorough and streamlined exploitation of Mexico's oil, demanding that Mexico remove barriers to private/foreign investment (which are currently written into the Mexican Constitution). Obrador insisted on maintaining national ownership and control of the energy sector in order to build economic and social stability in Mexico.

In June 2005, Mexico signed an accord—the Alliance for the Security and Prosperity of North America (ASPAN)—with Canada and the USA. The point was made that this accord would be binding on whoever became president of Mexico in the upcoming elections. Included in ASPAN is a guarantee to fill the energy needs of the US market as well as agreements to forge "a common theory of security", allowing US Homeland Security measures to be implemented in Mexico.

When Obrador appeared to be the front-runner in the election, PAN allied with forces in the US to launch a feverish campaign against him. Though US laws prevent American influence in other countries'

elections, anti-Obrador ads airing on Mexican TV were designed by US firms and illegally financed by business councils that included such transnationals as Wal-Mart and Halliburton. A media campaign fomented fear that Obrador, with ties to Chavez and Castro, posed a dangerous socialist threat to Mexico.

Outgoing president Vicente Fox violated campaign law by making dozens of anti-Obrador speeches during the campaign, as PAN illegally saturated airwaves with swift-boat-style attack ads against Obrador. Under Mexican law, ruling party interference is a serious crime and ground for annulling an election.

While Obrador's campaigners and hundreds of independent election observers documented several hundred cases of election fraud in making their case for a recount, most Mexican TV stations failed to report the irregularities that surfaced. Days after the election, the *New York Times* irresponsibly declared Calderón the winner, and Bush called to congratulate Calderón personally on his "win", even though no victor had been declared under Mexican law.

Mexico has been denied the democratic election of a president who might have joined Latin America in standing up to aggressive US neoliberal policies.

(Sources: Chuck Collins and Joshua Holland, "Evidence of Election Fraud Grows in México", AlterNet, August 2, 2006, <http://www.alternet.org/story/39763>; "Mexico: The Political Volcano Rumbles", *Revolution*, September 10, 2006, <http://revcom.us/a/060/mexico-volcano-en.html>)

19. People's Movement Challenges Neoliberal Agenda

The US free trade model is meeting increasingly successful resistance as people's movements build powerful alternatives to neoliberal exploitation. This is particularly evident in Latin America, where massive opposition to US economic domination has demanded that populist leaders and parties take control of national governments in Venezuela, Bolivia, Ecuador, Argentina, Brazil, Nicaragua and Uruguay.

On April 30, 2007, Hugo Chavez announced that, having paid off debts to the World Bank and the IMF, Venezuela would cut ties with both institutions.

In April 2006, Bolivia's Evo Morales announced his rejection of the IMF and any future FTA with the US. Tens of millions of dollars in revenue from royalties paid by foreign gas companies have enabled Bolivia to pay off its IMF debt and begin to build social programs and national reserves.

In December 2006, Rafael Correa, who won the presidential election in Ecuador on an anti-privatisation, anti-US military base platform, announced plans to restructure Ecuador's foreign debt in order to increase spending on crucial social programs. Ecuador has since paid its debt to the IMF and announced plans to sever ties to the institution.

Nicaragua's President Daniel Ortega has also announced negotiations toward an IMF exit.

Argentina's economy, in a remarkable expansion which was never supposed to have happened according to IMF predictions, has grown by 47 per cent in the past few years. Argentina decided to make its break with the IMF in January 2006 by paying off its remaining \$9.9 billion debt.

As of December 2005, Brazil was free to make its own decisions, free from IMF interference, after paying

off its debt two years ahead of schedule.

While it is an expanding reality that many strong and growing people's movements have not been so fortunate as to have representative governments, more and more elected leaders in Latin America are providing models of true democratic leadership that is of, for and by the people.

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20. Terror Act Against Animal Activists

The term "terrorism" has been dangerously expanded to include acts that interfere, or promote interference, with the operations of animal enterprises. The Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act (AETA), signed into law on November 27, 2006, broadens punishment present under the Animal Enterprise Protection Act (AEPA) of 1992. One hundred and sixty groups, including the National Lawyers' Guild, the Natural Resources Defense Council and the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, oppose this Act on grounds that its terminology is dangerously vague and poses a

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major conflict to the US Constitution. The broad definition of an "animal enterprise" may encompass most US businesses: "any enterprise that uses or sells animals or animal products". The phrase "loss of any real or personal property" is elastic enough to include loss of projected profit. Protections against "interference" extend to any "person or entity having a connection to, relationship with, or transactions with an animal enterprise".

A letter from the American Civil Liberties Union to Congress, dated March 6, 2006, explains their opposition to AETA based on the concern that First Amendment activities such as demonstrations, leafleting, undercover investigations and boycotts may be punishable as acts of terror under the overly vague and open-ended law.

Author Will Potter argues that the harsher amendments that AETA brings to its predecessor, AEPA, are hardly necessary, as AEPA was successfully used to disproportionately prosecute the SHAC 7 animal rights activists organised to expose the illegal and inhumane operations of Huntingdon Life Sciences—for "animal enterprise terrorism".

David Hoch and Odette Wilkens of Equal Justice Alliance ask: "How did this bill [AETA] pass the House?" It was placed by the House Judiciary Committee on the suspension calendar, under which process bills that are non-controversial can be passed by voice vote. The vote on the bill was then held hours earlier than scheduled, with what appears to have been only six (out of 435) congresspersons present. Five voted for the bill, and Dennis Kucinich voted against it, noting: "My concern about this bill is that it does nothing to address the real issue of animal protection but, instead, targets those advocating animal rights."

(Sources: Will Potter, "US House Passes Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act With Little Discussion or Dissent", Green is the New Red, November 14, 2006, <http://www.greenisthenewred.com/blog/2006/11/13/aeta-passes-house-recap/>; David Hoch and Odette Wilkens, "The AETA is Invidiously Detrimental to the Animal Rights Movement (and Unconstitutional as Well)", *Vermont Journal of Environmental Law*, March 9, 2007, <http://www.vjel.org/editorials/2007S/Hoch.Wilkens.Editorial.htm>)

21. US Seeks WTO Immunity for Illegal Farm Payments

On July 24, 2006, after nearly five years of global trade negotiations, talks at the meetings of the World Trade Organization collapsed—perhaps permanently, say some economic analysts. In January 2007, trade ministers from the United States, the European Union, Brazil, India, Japan and Australia said they remained hopelessly stalemated, mostly on the contentious issue of farm trade.

What went uncovered in mainstream news sources was any analysis of the content of the negotiations: what exactly the countries involved were offering, and what they expected in return.

Of utmost importance to the Bush administration was that the US receive immunity from lawsuits by poor countries before

Bush's special "fast track" trade negotiating powers expired at the end of June 2007. In a last-minute proposal, the US insisted that all trade agreements include a special "Peace Clause" that would make its use of illegal farm subsidies immune from prosecution by the countries affected. Between 1994 and 2003, such a Peace Clause denied developing nations any legal recourse in the face of the "dumping" of cheap foreign products that had devastated their agricultural communities.

Oxfam notes that proposals included in the new Peace Clause would actually allow the US to increase its farm support from under \$20 billion to almost \$23 billion. The EU proposal would allow an increase in farm subsidies from \$23 billion to \$33 billion. Poor countries, with no surplus to supplement their farmers' income shortfalls, would have nothing to respond with—no global support, no economic power and no legal appeals.

(Sources: Oxfam International, "US Seeks 'Get-Out Clause' for Illegal Farm Payments", June 29, 2006, http://www.oxfam.org/en/news/pressreleases2006/pr060629_wto_geneva; Paul Blustein, "Trade Talks Fail After Stalemate Over Farm Issues", *Washington Post*, July 25, 2006)

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22. North Invades Mexico

Author Mike Davis points out that few people—at least outside Mexico—have bothered to notice that while all the nannies, cooks, maids and gardeners have been heading north to tend the luxury lifestyles of irate Republicans, the Gringo masses have been rushing south to enjoy glorious budget retirements and affordable second homes in Mexico.

The number of North Americans living in Mexico has soared from 200,000 to one million (one-quarter of all US expatriates) in the past decade. The land rush is sending up property values to the detriment of locals, whose children are consequently driven into slums or forced to emigrate north, only to face increasing "invasion" charges.

The Gringo footprint is largest (and brings the most significant geopolitical consequences) in Baja California. One of the irresistible attractions of Baja is that it has preserved a primordial wildness that has disappeared elsewhere in the West. Local residents, including a very eloquent indigenous environmental movement, cherish this incomparable landscape, as they do the survival of an

egalitarian ethos in the peninsula's small towns and fishing villages. However, thanks to the silent invasion of the baby-boomers from the north, much of the natural history and frontier culture of Baja could be swept away in the next generation.

(Source: Mike Davis, "Border Invaders: The Perfect Swarm Heads South", *TomDispatch.com*, September 19, 2006, <http://www.tomdispatch.com/index.mhtml?pid=122537>)

23. Feinstein's Conflict of Interest in Iraq

Dianne Feinstein—the ninth wealthiest member of US Congress—has been beset by monumental ethical conflicts of interest. As a member of the Military Construction Appropriations Subcommittee (MILCON) from 2001 to the end

of 2005, Senator Feinstein voted for appropriations worth billions of dollars to her husband's firms.

From 1997 through the end of 2005, Feinstein's husband Richard C. Blum was a majority shareholder in both URS Corp. and Perini Corp. She lobbied Pentagon officials in public hearings to support defence projects that she favoured, some of which already were, or subsequently became, URS or Perini contracts. From 2001 to 2005, URS earned \$792 million from military construction and environmental clean-up projects approved by MILCON; Perini earned \$759 million from such projects.

In 2003 hearings, MILCON approved various construction projects at sites where Perini and/or URS are contracted to perform engineering and military construction work. URS's military construction work in 2000 earned it a mere \$24 million. The next year, when Feinstein took over as MILCON chair, military construction earned URS \$185 million.

Beginning in 1997, Michael R. Klein, a top legal adviser to Feinstein and a long-time business partner of Blum, routinely informed Feinstein about specific federal projects coming before her in which Perini had a stake.

(Source: Peter Byrne, "Senator Feinstein's Iraq Conflict", *North Bay Bohemian*, January 24, 2007, <http://www.bohemian.com/metro/01.24.07/dianne-feinstein-0704.html>)

24. Media Misquotes Threat from Iran's President

Across the world a media story has spread that Iran's President Ahmadinejad has threatened to destroy Israel, by saying that "Israel must be wiped off the map". Contrary to general belief, this statement was actually a misinterpretation. However, it was the Islamic Republic News Service in Iran that first mistranslated the quote. Iran's Foreign Minister attempted to clarify the statement, but the quote ended up having a life of its own.

Amid heated wrangling over Iran's nuclear program and the threat of pre-emptive strikes by the US, the quote has been continually used to reinforce the idea that Iran is being run by extremists seeking the total destruction of Israel.

So what did Ahmadinejad actually say? To quote his exact words in Farsi: *Imam ghoft een rezhim-e ishghalgar-e qods bayad az safheh-ye ruzgar mahv shavad. Rezhim-e* is the word "regime", pronounced just like the English word with an extra "eh" sound at the end. Ahmadinejad did not refer to Israel the country, the landmass, but the Israeli regime. Ahmadinejad did not even refer to Israel by name, but used the specific phrase *rezhim-e ishghalgar-e qods* ("regime occupying Jerusalem").

A similar statement by Ahmadinejad in December 2006—"As the Soviet Union disappeared, the Zionist regime will also vanish and humanity will be liberated"—has also been misinterpreted.

In May 2006, President Ahmadinejad published an open letter to President Bush, clearly asking for peace and the mutual respect of human rights. He warns that the Western media, through contrived and deceptive information, have intensified the climate of fear that leads to attacks on innocent peoples. The letter was not reported in the US news media.

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<http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=viewArticle&code=NOR20070120&articleId=4527>; Information Clearing House, "Full Text: The President of Iran's Letter to President Bush", May 9, 2006, translated by *Le Monde*, <http://www.informationclearinghouse.info/article12984.htm>)

25. Who Will Profit from Native Energy?

Energy on Native American land is becoming big business. According to the Indigenous Environmental Network, 35 per cent of the fossil fuel resources in the US are within Indian country. The Department of the Interior estimates that Indian lands hold undiscovered reserves of almost 54 billion tons of coal, 38 trillion cubic feet of natural gas and 5.4 billion barrels of oil. Tribal lands also contain enormous amounts of alternative energy.

According to Theresa Rosier, Counselor to the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, "increased energy development in Indian and Alaska Native communities could help the Nation have more reliable homegrown energy supplies". This, she says, is "consistent with the President's National Energy Policy to secure America's energy future".

The idea that "America's energy future" should be linked to having "more reliable homegrown energy supplies" can be found in native energy-specific legislation that has already passed into law. What this line of thinking fails to consider is that Native America is not the same as US America. The domestic "supplies"

in question belong to sovereign nations, not to the United States or its energy sector.

So far, government plans to deregulate and step up the development of domestic (native) energy resources is being spun as a way to produce clean, efficient energy while helping Native Americans gain greater economic and tribal sovereignty. Critics charge, however, that large energy companies are simply looking to establish lucrative partnerships with tribal corporations, which are largely free of regulation and federal oversight.

America's native peoples may attain a modicum of energy independence and tribal sovereignty through the development of wind, solar and other renewable energy infrastructure on their lands. But, according to Brian Awehali, it won't come from getting into bed with, and becoming indebted to, the very industry currently driving the planet to its doom.

(Source: Brian Awehali, "Native Energy Futures", *LiP Magazine*, June 5, 2006, http://www.lipmagazine.org/articles/featawehali_nativefutures.htm)

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EXPERT PATIENTS AND THE NEW HEALTHCARE PARADIGM

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A rapid escalation of the ongoing global power struggle in the US\$3 trillion worldwide health sector¹ is challenging the status quo between global pharmcos, pharmacy industries and guilds and the all-powerful fiefdoms of clinicians, government agencies, politicians and the health insurance industry.

This perfect storm is due to a unique combination of interconnecting drivers that collectively offer the winner in this high-stakes game to take all. This would be achieved by acquiring control of the supply and price of all medications and complementary products as well as control of the knowledge of what actually works for each and every patient according to their own genetic profile.

This contest of strength is showing all the characteristics of a dirty war, as all sides start to realise the ramifications of winning and ramp up their efforts to grab the high ground as well as the knowledge asset acquired via the new electronic health records (EHR) system by harvesting information from the data provided by the support services associated with it.

The primary driver for this power shift is the inability of Western governments to meet the direct costs of escalating health bills due to a modern-day explosion of non-contagious epidemics, with the associated rising costs of products and services plus the indirect costs to the economy due to loss of income from decreased productivity (days off work) and future income lost by premature death. For example, obesity (and its related conditions, diabetes, heart disease and stroke) contributes US\$93 billion to America's yearly medical bill,² while in Britain the financial impact of obesity is estimated to reach £45.5 billion per year by 2050.³

When the indirect costs of welfare and income tax reduction are factored into the equation, along with the projected costs of meeting the needs of a rapidly increasing ageing population (the over 65s are set to comprise 20 per cent of the population in the USA by 2030), it becomes apparent that all Western governments, whether welfare or private healthcare oriented, will need to implement dramatic cost-saving strategies if they are to survive the projected rate of increase in chronic disease and stay abreast of the next wave in "predictive and preventive medicine"—the new designer drugs tailored for genetically distinct groups that will tackle disease before you get it, ripening the market for long-term drug dependency.

NAVIGATING THE THIRD HEALTHCARE REVOLUTION

According to Sir Muir Gray, Director of Clinical Knowledge at the UK's National Health Service (NHS), we're moving into a third healthcare revolution which will be knowledge based, where the "knowledge [of what works] is the enemy of disease".⁴ The first revolution was the discovery that dirty water produces disease; the second revolution was the discovery that chemicals could influence the course of disease; and this third revolution will be driven by the newfound ability to know which of today's medications and procedures actually work for each and every individual and, more importantly, which emerging medical breakthroughs could work. Governments and insurers will take the lead of Sir Muir Gray, who says that "the application of the knowledge we already possess will have a bigger impact on health and disease than any drug or technology likely to be introduced in the next decade".⁵

In a bid to control this knowledge, governments, insurance companies, clinicians and pharmaceutical companies are building their own electronic health databases to plug into everyone's medical records (and eventually every genome) in order to harvest the knowledge of which clinical procedures deliver the best outcomes, of the risks and benefits of drugs within given populations, of environmental factors and geographic variations in disease and,

most importantly, to tap into the cost-saving benefits or revenue-generating capacity that this knowledge will bring.

The capacity to enter information into a database in real time has far-reaching implications for all involved. The sharing of data across multiple parties, including general practitioners, specialists, clinics, hospitals and support services (pathology, radiology), not only provides the clinician with all the information relating to the medical events of the patient, but means that the benefits and risks of any new drug, product or procedure can be realised in a comparatively short time. This will release those that pay and those that prescribe from the bondage of the pharcos and manufacturers of new technology and enable more cost-effective treatments that achieve better outcomes for patients. The UK government's expected cost of running the NHS's new IT systems could cost £40 billion by 2014, a huge increase on the budgeted cost in 2002 of £6.2 billion.⁶ Where are the tangible benefits for patients?

To date, most of these repository projects have run into problems due to the resistance of clinicians, who traditionally collect and effectively "own" patient information, to enter this data and share it with the owners of the new repository systems or, in many cases, even with the patients themselves. However, governments are not hindered in the funding of these systems because without access to this type of knowledge they have nothing with which to combat the spiralling healthcare costs.

The insurance industry is also taking a keen interest in accessing the knowledge from these harvested repositories. In the USA, the health insurer Kaiser Permanente, which has 8.7 million members, employs over 13,700 physicians and runs more than 30 medical centres,⁷ has already established its own repository and through the harvesting of data can now offer treatment to members whose data indicate that they may be heading towards an adverse event, such as a heart attack, so producing large savings for the organisation.

With the pharmaceutical corporations taking a keen interest in acquiring the knowledge harvested from these massive data repositories, the battle for control is also touching on a range of issues regarding ownership of individual and collective data.

Each country seems to be tackling the issue of identity verification along similar lines, using national ID cards and welfare or tax numbers, or arguing for a national ID card or exchanges that can link together multiple existing ID systems for health and welfare. Much confusion exists around ownership and privacy, where most governments and corporations seem to use privacy legislation as a reason *not* to provide information to citizens.

In order to avoid this tricky issue of ownership, a common approach is to allow personal information within a health record (including the DNA profile) to be sold without permission, as long as the person's name is not included. This "de-identified" rationale falls down on two points: first, it is possible to reconstruct identities from these databases using new probability software; and second, current practices allow de-identified information to be sold by a third party, without the owner's permission, to multinational insurance companies, which in effect challenges the whole principle of ownership and legalises theft by corporate bodies.

Unless ownership of individual data and the range of issues

surrounding the rights of access and use of aggregated data can be established for the citizen and the common good, then the likely default position will be a few powerful multinationals controlling the knowledge in collaboration with governments.

In order to put the endpoint of this power game into context, it's necessary to recognise not only the US\$3 trillion industry that's up for grabs but also the value of this new knowledge-based commercial asset. Although no reliable figures for this knowledge asset have been published to date, it's easy to estimate what the asset value and thus the share value would be if a small group of multinationals controlled the very heart of this knowledge-based revolution.

This asset would contain the medical records (including DNA profiles) of the majority of individuals within the Western world and, in particular, information on those individuals who have the ability to pay for extended treatment and can access the appropriate insurance.

The real asset value increases dramatically as it becomes possible, then, to match these findings with emerging genomic products. This provides the owners of this information with the ability to offer personalised treatment for the existing chronically ill population of the Western world as well as for the targeted market referred to as the "worried well" that would effectively become drug-dependent for the rest of their lives in the belief that they were taking preventive medicine.

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POWER BLOC DYNAMICS

To gain an understanding of these forces and to work out the implications of what happens if any particular party wins the high ground, we need to analyse the politics of power. Only then do the tactics and strategies of the dirty war become apparent and the darker implications for us all become blatantly obvious.

The three blocs currently vying for power are those that control the manufacturing and dispensing of drug-related products, those that are

authorised to diagnose and prescribe product-based treatments, and those that pay—which, in most Western countries, tends to be governments and/or insurance companies rather than consumers.

The emerging fourth force comprises the communities of common interest whose concern is to obtain knowledge of what actually clinically works for them in their specific condition. As these eco-groups aggregate, they will gain the consumer power to counter the pharmaceutical industries, accrue the knowledge to challenge the diagnostic powers of healthcare providers and exert political power to dictate policy change or even to remove governments.

Most commentators are aware of the general dynamics between the three power blocs, but few have factored in the destabilising fourth power. Aside from any obvious outcomes of a power shift, such as a rise in prescription costs and insurance or a tightening of restrictions on the products we buy or the services we are granted access to, very little is said about the true ramifications for us, and even less thought is given to the emerging, not-so-passive, fourth power. Let's examine the potential for each group.

Manufacturers and dispensers

The stated goal of these manufacturing/dispensing players is absolute control of product supply and, if possible, the extended use of drug products for all, including the chronically ill (33 per cent of

Western populations⁸) and the "worried well". The most disturbing aspect is that a strategy of dependency usually ends up as being multi-product-based—often with pills being prescribed to counter the effects of the original treatment.

All's fair in a corporate-oriented world, some may say, where the share value is king, but a "sickness" industry singularly profits from increased drug-dependency and by targeting large markets with blockbuster drugs that generate 40–45 per cent of its revenue. Traditionally, pharmcos ignore any innovative research into drugs that prevent, treat or cure, and instead plough funds into a small range of blockbuster drugs which can generate revenues of over US\$20 billion during the life-spans of their patents.⁹

As the bubble bursts, the pharmcos are finally acknowledging that beneficial outcomes are limited to only 33 per cent of patients and that up to 50 per cent may not respond. They focus the blame for this failure on the variations in genetic make-up of individuals, where, for example, some people may metabolise a drug before it has time to act. However, the *real* cause of failure is that the clinical trials, funded by the drug companies themselves, use only carefully selected individuals who do not reflect the population for whom these drugs are aimed—people such as those suffering from one or more chronic degenerative diseases, or the elderly. In addition, the studies may inaccurately reflect the true results of findings due to the vested interests of the authors or a failure to report negative findings.¹⁰

Because scientific proof of effectiveness and safety in the broad community is not required for drug approval, the testing only truly begins when the drugs enter the marketplace and are foisted onto a trusting public. With a meaningless real-time reporting regime for adverse reactions, which provides absolutely no contribution to any evidence-based research that can be accessed by other clinicians, the consequence is that adverse reactions have time to reap many casualties, as was seen in the cases of Thalidomide and Vioxx.

Also under the spotlight is the effectiveness of older generic drugs, whose patents have expired, against newer drugs. Approval for a new drug

is dependent upon achieving superior results compared with the drug it is replacing or improved clinical outcomes when added to an accepted protocol. Pressure to replenish revenue streams with new patents as the old patents expire has led to inflated claims, and with no requirement to test the added value of a drug in a real-life setting it is difficult to prove these claims.

However, in 2002 when ALLHAT (Antihypertensive and Lipid Lowering treatment to prevent Heart Attack Trial) published its findings from a five-year trial involving 30,000 patients, no difference was found in the clinical outcomes between using cheaper diuretics (thiazides) over the more expensive angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors (ACEIs) and calcium-channel blockers (CCBs). There was no change in mortality, but a greater incidence in adverse events was seen with the ACEIs and increased occurrence of heart failure with the CCBs, while the thiazides reduced the incidence of stroke and had better effects on lowering blood pressure. In spite of the negatives for the thiazides,

such as reduced potassium and increased glucose and cholesterol levels, these did not lead to any difference in clinical outcomes and the thiazides appeared to provide modestly improved outcomes for most. As with most generic drugs, the cost of the thiazides was cheaper at only US\$0.05 to \$0.30 daily, while the cost of the other medications ranged from \$1.15 to \$1.50 daily.¹¹

Although future negotiations between healthcare payers and the pharmcos will likely be based on clinical outcomes, the pharmcos are looking to the emerging market of "predictive and preventive" medicine—the industry's definition of the "wellness industry"—where they will be able to predict predisposition through genetic screening and then prevent the disease with drugs before we become sick (this will also include mandatory vaccination programs).¹² Steve Burrill, of biotechnology company Burrill & Company, predicts that everyone's genome and medical records will eventually be plugged into the system and that "[i]n the future, babies could be given a smart card when they are born and we'll add to that as they go through life".¹³

With new technology that can decode the human genome and identify the key signalling molecules (targets) linked with disease, and with the capacity to make, test and screen thousands of new chemical compounds day in, day out, by building a library of millions of chemicals, it will be possible to match a drug with each new target as it is identified. By linking genetic variance to drug response, scientists will be able to determine which drugs will work best with each genetically distinct group. Peter Goodfellow, of the pharmco GlaxoSmithKline, says: "We'd like

to create a drug for every target in the human genome, so you could start with drugs, not the target."¹⁴

However, supporting a strategy in the absence of research into the full implications of altering gene expression, which leads us down the route of greater drug-dependency, is hardly intelligent, particularly as the World Health Organization has stated that 80 per cent of heart attacks, strokes and diabetes and 40 per cent of cancers are preventable and that it is cheaper to prevent disease among healthy populations than to treat sick populations. Currently, only three

per cent of healthcare spending is used in prevention.¹⁵

Global pharmcos are also looking to capture the lucrative alternative health industry to annihilate competition and control product supply and consumer choice. Dirty tactics have so far involved government regulatory bodies and the Codex Alimentarius Commission, an international organisation that sets international standards and codes for foods, establishes upper limits for over-the-counter vitamin and mineral supplement dosages, and reclassifies all products that have therapeutic action as medicines to be regulated under various drugs acts.

The next stage involves the patenting of new products based on natural products. Natural products cannot be patented, but what *can* be patented are the bio-active compounds of natural products, isolated, synthesised and replicated in the laboratory, as well as the technology itself. Hence we see the emergence of pharmaceutical versions of herbs (PharmaPrinting), nutritional products (Nutraceuticals) and functional foods based on a person's

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genetic make-up (Nutrigenomics). For investors to invest, market exclusivity must be assured. We are already witnessing the banning of natural health products under the guise of consumer protection, and there are indications that we are heading towards a situation where it will be illegal to grow herbs in your own backyard on the basis that they are dangerous. The endpoint for the pharmcos is to capture all the indigenous markets which have used traditional herbs for centuries (Chinese, Indian Ayurvedic, South American, African, etc.), and convert them to patented products that can pass the testing, standardisation and scientific proof required by all drugs.¹⁶

Clinicians and prescribers

Often referred to as "the priesthood", this highly fragmented group of clinicians and prescribers seeks to control the ownership of the relationship with the patient, the prescribing of drugs, the procedures used and the acquired knowledge of their application. Their collective stance of non-collaboration (although not shared by all clinicians) in government health initiatives to establish EHRs not only reflects this desire to control the ownership or copyright of patient records but also an unwillingness to be accountable for decisions made on behalf of patients. EHRs will enable the auditing of all decisions and the tracing of major mistakes in general practice and hospital management.

An additional pressure will come from patients who will expect to have access to, or be advised on, the latest clinical evidence when making choices about treatment. Sir Muir Gray states that whereas "the clinician was the driving force in the 20th century, the patient will be the driving force in the 21st century".¹⁷

At this turning point, clinicians can either submit and become glorified pill-dispensers (as described by the then British prime minister, Mrs Thatcher) or they can take up the challenge and use what's left of their credibility and trust to help patients as advocates and assist them in harvesting the knowledge of what works. As attitudes to the profession change, the intimidating paternalistic stance that was once its hallmark will no longer be acceptable as patients demand the respect they deserve when making critical health decisions.

Governments and insurers

With health insurance costs set to rise by 6.5 per cent annually (an estimated US\$1.00 of every US\$5.00 spent in the USA is on healthcare), with statistics indicating that more people in the USA per annum are dying from medical errors (approx. 195,000 in 2000–2002¹⁸) than from breast cancer, AIDS or motor vehicle accidents,¹⁹ and with the predicted rise in chronic disease set to affect 50 per cent of populations in developed countries,²⁰ governments and insurance companies are looking to drive down their costs, increase their profits and get better patient outcomes.

Reducing costs means extricating the industry from the stranglehold of those that control prescribing—the pharmcos and the clinicians. A rapid deviation from the scientifically based model of healthcare to one that is clinically based will demote the "scientific evidence" mantra that has governed healthcare policy in favour of what actually works, whether scientifically proven or not. With the EHR initiative, governments and insurers will be able to accelerate the diffusion of clinical research information to

sponsors, researchers, regulatory bodies and the medical community at large, systemise healthcare by defining and controlling procedures including the rules on what can be prescribed for any condition, and control what products can be used accordingly. They will then be able to aggregate the demand and negotiate cheaper prices from pharmcos.

The UK government has tapped into the frequent-flyer market of patients with chronic conditions who make the most visits to GPs and hospitals. The Expert Patient Programme,²¹ an NHS health initiative where a certificate of competence is issued after a six-week course of 2.5 hours per week, simply replicates the self-management advice that self-help and support groups have been offering for decades. However, the NHS, through the formalisation and adoption of the program (20,000 people have already taken part), has been able to indicate measurable improvements in quality of life and cost-savings for the health budget. Tangible results have been demonstrated in reductions of 44–80 per cent in visits to GPs and other health professionals by various groups, and in a 31 per cent reduction in hospitalisation for asthma sufferers.²²

Expert health consumers and patients

Although there are short-term benefits in shifting the management of chronic conditions back to the consumer, the long-term implications of endorsing groups of highly motivated people have not been factored into the health equation.

Under the government and pharmco model, the "expert patient" is drug-compliant and therefore more cost-effective and profitable. However, virtual community groups in increasing numbers are communicating their views and their own knowledge of what works for them over the Internet, and with the availability of the new, free, open-source software and tools, these groups will be able to gather, store, harvest and share knowledge themselves and become better informed and more responsible for their health—a threat to the system,

indeed. With the new emphasis on clinical outcome as opposed to scientific evidence, comparative studies of mainstream and complementary medicine may be published and present new challenges to conventional healthcare.

The driver for this wave in consumer power is the cost of treatment, the reduction in disposable income, the loss of confidence and trust in the medical industry and, more importantly, the realisation that public health is spiralling downwards and that not a cent is being spent on addressing the causes. These well-informed people do not want to be drug-dependent or see their children suffering chronic conditions. They want to own the right to be healthy, and they will meet with fierce, co-ordinated opposition any move by governments or pharmcos to inhibit access to natural foods and health products or therapies that have proven benefits. Likewise, they will fight strongly for the power to deny consent to any group—government, pharmco or clinician—or even any IT company such as Microsoft and Google which stores health records to datamine or de-identify those records for on-selling to corporations that seek to control and influence the market.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF IODINE FOR GOOD HEALTH

Iodine, taken in doses substantially greater than the recommended dietary allowance, has been shown to reverse fibrocystic disease of the breast and prevent breast cancer.

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There is growing evidence that Americans would have better health and a lower incidence of cancer and fibrocystic disease of the breast if they consumed more iodine. A decrease in iodine intake, coupled with an increased consumption of competing halogens, fluoride and bromide, has created an epidemic of iodine deficiency in America.

People in the USA consume an average of 240 micrograms (μg) of iodine a day. In contrast, people in Japan consume more than 12 milligrams (mg) (12,000 μg) of iodine a day, a 50-fold greater amount. They eat seaweed, which includes brown algae (kelp), red algae (nori sheets, with sushi) and green algae (chlorella). Compared to terrestrial plants, which contain only trace amounts of iodine (0.001 mg/g), these marine plants have high concentrations of this nutrient (0.5–8.0 mg/g). When studied in 1964, Japanese seaweed consumption was found to be 4.5 grams (g) a day, with a measured iodine concentration of 3.1 mg/g of seaweed (= 13.8 mg of iodine). According to public health officials, mainland Japanese now consume 14.5 g of seaweed a day (= 45 mg of iodine, if its iodine content, not measured, remains unchanged).¹ Researchers have determined that residents on the coast of Hokkaido eat a quantity of seaweed sufficient to provide a daily iodine intake of 200 mg a day. Saltwater fish and shellfish contain iodine, but one would have to eat 15–25 pounds of fish to get 12 mg of iodine.

Health comparisons between the two countries are disturbing. The incidence of breast cancer in the US is the highest in the world, and in Japan, until recently, is the lowest. Japanese women who emigrate from Japan or adopt a Western-style diet have a higher rate of breast cancer compared with those that consume seaweed. Life expectancy in the US is 77.85 years, 48th in 226 countries surveyed.² It is 81.25 years in Japan, the highest of all industrialised countries and only slightly behind the five leaders—Andorra, Macau, San Marino, Singapore and Hong Kong. The infant mortality rate in Japan is the lowest in the world, with 3.5 deaths under age one per 1,000 live births—half the infant mortality rate in the United States.

Today, one in seven American women (almost 15 per cent) will develop breast cancer during their lifetime. Thirty years ago, when iodine consumption was twice as high as it is now (480 μg a day), one in 20 women developed breast cancer. Iodine was used as a dough conditioner in making bread, and each slice of bread contained 0.14 mg of iodine. In 1980, breadmakers started to use bromide as a conditioner instead, which competes with iodine for absorption into the thyroid gland and other tissues in the body. Iodine was also more widely used in the dairy industry 30 years ago than it is now.

Now, iodised table salt is the chief source of iodine in a Western diet. But 45 per cent of American households buy salt without iodine, which grocery stores also sell. And over the last three decades, people who do use iodised table salt have decreased their consumption of it by 65 per cent. Furthermore, the much higher concentrations of chloride in salt (NaCl) inhibits absorption of its sister halogen iodine (the intestines absorb only 10 per cent of the iodine present in iodised table salt). As a result, 15 per cent of the US adult female population suffers from moderate to severe iodine deficiency, which health authorities define as a urinary iodine concentration less than 50 $\mu\text{g}/\text{L}$.³ Women with goitres (a visible, noncancerous enlargement of the thyroid gland) owing to iodine deficiency have been found to have a three times greater incidence of breast cancer. A high intake of iodine is associated with a low incidence in breast cancer, and a low intake with a high incidence of breast cancer.

Animal studies show that iodine prevents breast cancer, arguing for a causal association in

these epidemiological findings. The carcinogens nitrosomethylurea and DMBA cause breast cancer in more than 70 per cent of female rats. Those given iodine, especially in its molecular form as I₂, have a statistically significant decrease in incidence of cancer. Other evidence adding biologic plausibility to the hypothesis that iodine prevents breast cancer includes the finding that the ductal cells in the breast, the ones most likely to become cancerous, are equipped with an iodine pump (the sodium iodine symporter, the same one that the thyroid gland has) to soak up this element.

Similar findings apply to fibrocystic disease of the breast. The incidence of fibrocystic breast disease in American women was three per cent in the 1920s. Today, 90 per cent of women have this disorder, manifested by epithelial hyperplasia, apocrine gland metaplasia, fluid-filled cysts and fibrosis. Six million American women with fibrocystic disease have moderate to severe breast pain and tenderness that lasts more than six days during the menstrual cycle. In animal studies, female rats fed an iodine-free diet develop fibrocystic changes in their breasts, and iodine in its elemental form (I₂) cures it.

Russian researchers first showed, in 1966, that iodine effectively relieves signs and symptoms of fibrocystic breast disease. Vishniakova and Murav'eva treated 167 women suffering from fibrocystic disease with 50 mg KI (potassium iodide) during the intermenstrual period and obtained a beneficial healing effect in 71 per cent.⁴

Then Ghent and co-workers, in a study published in the *Canadian Journal of Surgery* in 1993, likewise found that iodine relieves signs and symptoms of fibrocystic breast disease in 70 per cent of their patients.⁵ This report is a composite of three clinical studies—two case series done in Canada in 696 women treated with various types of iodine, and one in Seattle. The Seattle study, done at the Virginia Mason Clinic, was a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial of 56 women, designed

to compare 3–5 mg of elemental iodine (I₂) to a placebo (an aqueous mixture of brown vegetable dye with quinine). Investigators followed the women for six months and tracked subjective and objective changes in their fibrocystic disease.

A statistical analysis of the Seattle study (enlarged to include 92 women) was done, which showed that iodine has a highly statistically significant beneficial effect on fibrocystic disease ($P < 0.001$).⁶ Iodine was shown to reduce breast tenderness, nodularity, fibrosis, turgidity and the number of macrocysts—the five parameters in a total breast examination score that a physician blinded to what treatment the woman was taking, iodine or placebo, measured. This 51-page report,⁷ now available online, was submitted to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in 1995, the authors seeking its approval to carry out a larger randomised controlled clinical trial on iodine for treating fibrocystic breast disease. The FDA declined to approve the study, telling lead investigator Dr Donald Low that "iodine is a natural substance, not a drug".

But the FDA has now decided to approve a similar trial, sponsored by Sybion Pharmaceuticals. This company is

enrolling 175 women in a phase III trial, registered on ClinicalTrials.gov and sponsored by Jack Kessler, PhD.⁸

Most physicians and surgeons view iodine from a narrow perspective. It is an antiseptic that disinfects drinking water and prevents surgical wound infections, and the thyroid gland needs it to make thyroid hormones—and that's it. (When painted on the skin prior to surgery, tincture of iodine kills 90 per cent of bacteria present within 90 seconds.) The thyroid gland needs iodine to synthesise thyroxine (T4) and triiodothyronine (T3), hormones that regulate metabolism and steer growth and development. T4 contains four iodine atoms combined with 27 other atoms of carbon, hydrogen, oxygen and nitrogen, but owing to its large size it accounts for 65 per cent of the molecule's weight. (T3 has three iodine atoms.) The thyroid needs only a trace amount of iodine, 70 µg a day, to produce the requisite amount of T4 and T3. For that reason, thyroidologists say that iodine is best taken just in microgram amounts. They consider consuming more than 1–2 mg of iodine a day to be excessive and potentially harmful.

Expert opinion on iodine is now the purview of thyroidologists. Mainstream physicians and surgeons accept their thyroid-only view of iodine and either ignore or discount studies that show iodine in larger amounts provides extrathyroidal benefits, particularly for women's breasts. Thus a leading textbook on breast disease, Bland and Copeland's *The Breast: Comprehensive Management of Benign and Malignant Disorders* (2003), fails to mention iodine anywhere in its 1,766 pages.⁹

History, formulation and efficacy

Iodine has an important and little understood history. This relatively scarce element has played a pivotal role in the formation of our planet's atmosphere and in the evolution of life. For more than two billion years there was no oxygen in the atmosphere until a new kind of bacteria, cyanobacteria (blue-green algae), began producing

oxygen as a byproduct of photosynthesis. Cyanobacteria also developed an affinity for iodine. The most likely reason is that these organisms used iodine as an antioxidant to protect themselves against the free radicals (superoxide anion, hydrogen peroxide and hydroxyl radical) that oxygen breeds. Studying kelp, researchers have shown how iodine does this and have found that kelp will absorb increased amounts of iodine when placed under oxidative stress.¹⁰ Other researchers have shown that iodine increases the antioxidant status of human serum similar to that of vitamin C.¹¹

Iodine also induces apoptosis, programmed cell death.¹² This process is essential to growth and development (fingers form in the foetus by apoptosis of the tissue between them) and for destroying cells that represent a threat to the integrity of the organism, like cancer cells and cells infected with viruses. Human lung cancer-cells with genes spliced into them that enhance iodine uptake and utilisation undergo apoptosis and shrink when given iodine, both when grown *in vitro* outside the body and implanted in mice.¹³ Its anticancer function may well prove to be iodine's most important extrathyroidal benefit.

Iodine has other extrathyroidal functions that require more

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study. It removes toxic chemicals¹⁴—fluoride, bromide, lead, aluminium, mercury—and biological toxins, suppresses auto-immunity,¹⁵ strengthens the T-cell adaptive immune system¹⁶ and protects against abnormal growth of bacteria in the stomach.¹⁷

In addition to the thyroid and mammary glands, other tissues possess an iodine pump (the sodium/iodine symporter). Stomach mucosa, the salivary glands and lactating mammary glands can concentrate iodine almost to the same degree as the thyroid gland (40-fold greater than its concentration in blood). Other tissues that have this pump include the ovaries, the thymus gland (seat of the adaptive immune system), the skin, the choroid plexus in the brain (which makes cerebrospinal fluid), and the joints, arteries and bones.

Today's medical establishment is wary of iodine (as it is of most naturally occurring, nonpatentable, nonpharmaceutical agents). Thyroidologists cite the Wolff–Chaikoff effect and warn that TSH (thyroid-stimulating hormone) blood levels can rise with an iodine intake of a milligram or more. The Wolff–Chaikoff effect, a temporary inhibition of thyroid hormone synthesis that supposedly occurs with increased iodine intake, is of no clinical significance.¹⁸ And an elevated TSH, when it occurs, is "subclinical"—meaning that no signs or symptoms of hypothyroidism accompany its rise. Some people taking milligram doses of iodine, usually more than 50 mg a day, develop mild swelling of the thyroid gland without symptoms. The vast majority of people, 98–99 per cent, can take iodine in doses ranging from 10 to 200 mg a day without any clinically adverse effects on thyroid function.¹⁹ The prevalence of thyroid diseases in the 127 million people in Japan who consume high amounts of iodine is not much different than that in the USA.

Everyone agrees that a lack of iodine in the diet causes a spectrum of disorders that includes, in increasing order of severity, goitre and hypothyroidism, mental retardation and cretinism (severe mental retardation accompanied by physical deformities). Health authorities in the USA and Europe have agreed upon a Reference Daily Intake (RDI), formerly called the Recommended Dietary Allowance (RDA), for iodine, designed to prevent these disorders, which the World Health Organization (WHO) estimates afflicts 30 per cent of the world's population. The RDI for iodine, first proposed in 1980, is 100–150 µg/day. Organisations advocating this amount include the American Medical Association, the National Institutes of Health's National Research Council, the Institute of Medicine, the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization, the WHO Expert Committee and the European Union International Programme on Chemical Safety. These health authorities consider an RDI of 100–150 µg/day of iodine sufficient to meet the requirements of nearly all (97–98 per cent) healthy individuals.

This consensus on iodine intake flies in the face of evidence justifying a higher amount. This evidence includes animal studies, *in vitro* studies on human cancer cell lines, clinical trials of iodine for fibrocystic breast disease and epidemiological data. An intake of 150 µg/day of iodine will prevent goitres and the other recognised iodine-deficiency disorders, but not breast disease. Prevention of breast disease requires higher doses of iodine. Indeed, a reasonable hypothesis is that, like goitres and cretinism, fibrocystic disease of the breast and breast cancer (and also uterine fibroids) are iodine deficiency disorders.

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What professor of English Albert Guerard (1914–2000) wrote about new truths applies especially to iodine: "When you seek a new path to truth, you must expect to find it blocked by expert opinion." The reigning truth on iodine is that the thyroid gland is the only organ in the body that requires this micronutrient, and a daily intake considerably more than what the thyroid gland needs is potentially harmful. The new truth is that the rest of the body also needs iodine—in milligram, not microgram, amounts. Tell that to a thyroidologist and the response will call to mind this admonition on new truths.

These are the four most common formulations of inorganic (nonradioactive) iodine, as iodide (I⁻) and with or without molecular iodine (I₂): potassium iodide (KI) tablets, in doses ranging from 0.23 to 130 mg; super-saturated potassium iodide (SSKI), 19–50 mg of iodide per drop; Lugol's solution, 6.3 mg of molecular iodine/iodide per drop; and Iodoral®, each tablet containing 12.5 mg of iodine/iodide. Both Lugol's solution and Iodoral are one-third molecular iodine (5%) and two-thirds potassium iodide (10%). Studies done to date indicate that the best iodine supplement is one that includes molecular iodine (I₂), which breast tissue prefers.

Iodine was used for a wide variety of ailments after its discovery in 1811 up until the mid-1900s, when thyroidologists warned that "excess" amounts of iodine might adversely affect thyroid function. It is effective in gram amounts for treating various dermatologic conditions, chronic lung disease, fungal infestations, tertiary syphilis and even arteriosclerosis.

The Nobel laureate Dr Albert Szent-Györgi (1893–1986), the physician who discovered vitamin C, wrote: "When I was a medical student, iodine in the form of KI was the universal medicine. Nobody knew what it did, but it did something and did something good. We students used to sum up the situation in this little rhyme:

*If ye don't know where, what and why,
Prescribe ye then K and I."*

The standard dose of potassium iodide given was one gram, which contains 770 mg of iodine.

Regarding KI and other iodine salts (like sodium iodide), the venerated 11th edition of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, published in 1911, states: "Their pharmacological action is as obscure as their effects in certain diseased conditions are consistently brilliant. Our ignorance of their mode of action is cloaked by the term deobstruent, which implies that they possess the power of driving out impurities from the blood and tissues. Most notably is this the case with the poisonous products of syphilis. In its tertiary stage—and also earlier—this disease yields in the most rapid and unmistakable fashion to iodides, so much so that the administration of these salts is at present the best means of determining whether, for instance, a cranial tumour be syphilitic or not."

This 19th and early 20th century medicine continues to be used in gram amounts in the 21st century by dermatologists. They treat inflammatory dermatoses, like nodular vasculitis and pyoderma gangrenosum, with SSKI, beginning with an iodine dose of 900 mg a day, followed by weekly increases up to six grams a day as tolerated. Fungal eruptions, like sporotrichosis, are treated initially in gram amounts with great success. These lesions can disappear within two weeks after treatment with iodine.

For many years, physicians used potassium iodide in doses starting at 1.5–3 grams and up to more than 10 grams a day, on and off, to treat bronchial asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease with good results and surprisingly few side effects.

There is a case report in the medical literature of a 54-year-old man who, thinking it was iced tea, drank a "home preparation" of SSKI in water that his aunt kept in the refrigerator for her rheumatism. Over a short period of time he consumed 600 mL of this solution, which contained 15 g of iodide, an amount 100,000 times more than the RDI. He developed swelling of the face, neck and mouth, had transient cardiac arrhythmias and made an uneventful recovery.

The Iodine Project

Dr Guy Abraham, a former professor of obstetrics and gynaecology at UCLA, mounted what he calls "the Iodine Project" in 1997 after he read the Ghent paper on iodine for fibrocystic disease. He had his company, Optimox Corporation, make Iodoral, the tablet form of Lugol's solution, and he engaged two family-practice physicians, Dr Jorge Flechas (in 2000) in North Carolina and Dr David Brownstein (in 2003) in Michigan, to carry out clinical studies with it.

The project's hypothesis is that maintaining whole body sufficiency of iodine requires 12.5 mg a day, an amount similar to what the Japanese consume. The conventional view is that the body contains 25–50 mg of iodine, of which 70–80 per cent resides in the thyroid gland. Dr Abraham concluded that whole-body sufficiency exists when a person excretes 90 per cent of the iodine ingested. He devised an iodine-loading test where one takes 50 mg and measures the amount excreted in the urine over the next 24 hours. He found that the vast majority of people retain a substantial amount of the 50 mg dose. Many require 50 mg a day for several months before they will excrete 90 per cent of it. His studies²⁰ indicate that, given a sufficient amount, the body will retain much more iodine than originally thought—1,500 mg, with only three per cent of that amount held in the thyroid gland.

More than 4,000 patients in this project take iodine in daily doses ranging from 12.5 to 50 mg, and those with diabetes take up to 100 mg a day. These investigators have found that iodine does indeed reverse fibrocystic disease;²¹ their diabetic patients require less insulin; hypothyroid patients require less thyroid medication; symptoms of

fibromyalgia resolve; and patients with migraine headaches stop having them. To paraphrase Dr Szent-Györgi, these investigators aren't sure how iodine does it, but it does something good.

Thyroid function remained unchanged in 99 per cent of patients. Untoward effects of iodine²²—allergies, swelling of the salivary glands and the thyroid, and iodism—occurred rarely, in less than one per cent. Iodine removes the toxic halogens fluoride²³ and bromide from the body. Iodism, an unpleasant brassy taste, runny nose and acne-like skin lesions, is caused by the bromide that iodine extracts from the tissues. Symptoms subside on a lesser dose of iodine.

As these physicians point out, consuming iodine in milligram doses should, of course, be coupled with a complete nutritional program that includes adequate amounts of selenium, magnesium and omega-3 fatty acids. Done this way, an iodine intake 100 times the RDI is "the simplest, safest, most effective and least expensive way to help solve the health care crisis crippling our nation", as the leader of the Iodine Project, Dr Abraham, puts it.

People who take iodine in these amounts report that they have a greater sense of well-being, increased energy and a lifting of brain fog. They feel warmer in cold environments, need somewhat less sleep, have an improved skin complexion and have more regular bowel movements. These purported health benefits need to be studied more thoroughly, as do those with regard to fibrocystic breast disease and cancer.

Meanwhile, perhaps we should emulate the Japanese and substantially increase our iodine intake; if not with seaweed, then with two drops of Lugol's solution (or one Iodoral tablet) a day.

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Musings on healing

Willem de Ridder: So you did not find it through alchemy or homoeopathy.
Alfons Ven: Those things gave fundamental ideas. Everything that exists, a molecule, an atom, exists of body, spirit and soul. Everything, from the minutest to the largest thing we can imagine, exists of body, spirit and soul. But the eye-opener was: the invisible controls the visible. Then I knew, "This is my profession!" What are we doing right now, for instance, recording this interview? We capture our voices on tape. You cannot see them, you cannot grasp them, but actually they are going around in space. Invisibly. Our voices are being carried by the wires; we store them on tape without seeing how. All abstract, very abstract. We store the abstract onto a carrier and it reaches the listener as a reality. Wherever you are, listening to this interview, reading this transcript, you join the reality of Willem and myself. This isn't magic; it is science. It is invisible, but not magic. Of course, classical science, which only occupies itself with materialistic ideas, has always had difficulties understanding this. But every day we are handling things where the invisible controls the visible, the physical, the tangible.

Willem: These days, in medical science, there is more and more talk about the influence of convictions and ideas—that, in fact, more people die from the diagnosis than from the disease. If you learn that there is no hope, your entire immune system drops by 80 per cent. This idea that a conviction, or an idea, or a mentality, can make you sick is something at least pointing to the direction of the invisible controlling the visible. Because an idea is abstract. One cannot see it.

Alfons: But that is a misrepresentation of the idea. It is an exaggeration. Of course, convictions can kill you. Of course, a false interpretation of something leads you astray. But this should not be used as an escape. Take, for instance, the founder of homoeopathy, Samuel Hahnemann. He was a genius. Nobody will deny it: the man was a genius. The way he worked, organised and found things, he was a genius. Jan, the alchemist, is a genius. But that in itself is meaningless. Hahnemann was in an alchemy school with Hufland, also a German. Hufland had all kinds of alchemist pupils around him, of whom Hahnemann was not the best in terms of healing. And because he was not capable of healing people with his alchemical preparations, he said to Hufland, "It is all in the mind." And Hufland said, "Get out of my laboratory. If you cannot heal, be humble enough to say 'I can't', and go on searching. But do not blame it on the mind."

Willem: On the mind and the thoughts.

Alfons: And now we are making the same mistake with classical, regular medicine. If you talk to psychiatrists (which I do now, as they and all kinds of specialists collaborate with me), they all confirm that on a diagnostic level we can do fantastic things and we know exactly what is going on, but when it comes to the praxis we know almost nothing.

Willem: And what works is often a placebo.

Alfons: Which of course works because it is suggestion. So that now they say, "It is all suggestion". But they make the same mistake as Hahnemann. Because they are impotent, because they lack the power to heal, they say, "It is the mind". So a man gets a gigantic ulcer in the stomach. He is a trucker; a big, strong man. When the cancer cannot be cured, the man suffers from depression because he has three or four children and says, "I'm going to die. What about my wife and children?" The situation turns into a vicious circle. "You have the ulcer because you are depressed," they say. There is no cure because they blame the cancer on a mental condition. Similar things can be seen in the

New Age principles. It all comes from between the ears. Either it is mind over matter, or it stems from the spiritual—which is unrealistic.

Willem: At the most, it is part of it...

Alfons: It is part of it. I have not yet enough experience for a well-founded overview, but from the experience I have I would say 80 per cent stems from the physical, 10 per cent from the psychosomatic, and another small percentage from the spiritual. Of course, if you cannot determine which of the three is the cause, you are bound to mistreat people, like I was mistreated, like the six-year old boy who was mistreated, like so many people being mistreated.

Another example... A lady came into my office. For 25 years she'd been suffering from cyclic psychosis. What does that mean? She is talking to me normally, like we're talking right now, and then she says, "Oh, an orange. I am Sissy, the Austrian Empress." For half an hour she raps nonsense and then snaps out of it, just like that, and talks normally again. She has had that for 25 years, and for 15 years she was treated for psychosis, of course. I asked her, "What happened 26 or 27 years ago?" "Oh," she said, "I had this terrible ovaritis." Her ovaries were inflamed. "And I was given antibiotics. And shortly after the inflammation ceased, I got psychosis." What did I do in that case? I gave her a preparation. The subtle form of the disease was still there—the spirit and the soul. She had not overcome the invisible disease that was bugging her. I was able to cure the subtle form of the disease. Four or five days after she began taking the preparation, she discharged terrible things. And that was also the end of the psychosis.

Invisible controls the visible

Willem: So when the disease is gone physically, its spirit and soul can still linger.

Alfons: Yes. And normally they do, unless your own invisible forms, your subtle things, are in control. If they fail, you get all those chronic diseases, like your asthma which began as a kind of infection you had as a baby. Doctors push it out with whatever. At your time, the beginnings of antibiotics, they used antibiotics. The body of the disease was broken up by the antibiotics, the white blood cells destroyed it, during which process its soul and spirit leaked. When the spirit and the soul get away, your own spirit and soul have to overcome the disease. Well, when they are not strong enough, they fail. And that's when you get asthma and all kinds of chronic diseases. You never feel good; you are always exhausted.

A renowned Dutch psychiatrist asked me to give a lecture in his clinic for doctors: thirty medical doctors, holistic doctors and psychiatrists. And I said, "Let me do it my way for once, and let me administer my preparations. And just on the basis of treating these subtle forms of diseases, their invisible forms, their spirit and soul, I assure you (and this I'll write in black and white) that 60 per cent of your psychiatric patients will be going home after, or within, six months. The others will need a second look."

Willem: Again, the subtle forms which a traditional diagnosis will not detect...

Alfons: No, because they are invisible. Like you cannot see the alcohol or the crystals in the wine. The crystals aren't there. Only a long treatment brings them out. Just as in the blood. In the blood, too, crystals form because the blood is a stream, heat, a flow in which the subtle forms rub against each other. You see what I mean? These alchemical processes are happening continuously in our blood and our body, setting free soul and spirit all the time, making sure that you overcome anomalies and diseases. If they fail, this may kill you, or the subtle, invisible forms of the disease make you sick. It is that easy. Let us take the virus [HIV] that causes AIDS. Take a cup of water impregnated with billions of AIDS viruses. One drop of chloride will kill them all. No more AIDS viruses? No, it is not that easy, because the chloride kills nothing but the body.

Willem: And not the soul and spirit.

Alfons: Right. And not the soul and spirit. When the AIDS virus is inside a human body, it takes that body a long time to overcome the spirit and soul of the disease.

Willem: But how do you detect a leftover spirit and soul?

Alfons: Well, you tell me you have asthma, and as a child you had ringworm, which is a fungus, a kind of skin disease. I know the connection between them. While you suppress one, you can kindle the other. My preparation tackles the subtle form of the disease and your asthma disappears. As is the case with a lot of things. Let me elaborate on the example of the wine. If at least 60 per cent of all disease is based on these subtle forms of invisible diseases, then the remaining 40 per cent is related to conflicts, religious conflicts for instance, or you are being put down by your boss or your spouse, or you suffer from traumatic experiences such as a blow on the head or an electric shock, as I had. That is a traumatic experience. That traumatic experience or conflict will ingrain itself in your brain. Before it is ingrained, it is translated into a subtle form.

I have a very good example. Some people are poisoned by heavy metals. They are given oxidants and whatever to get it out of their system. Suppose the physical bodies of the metals have left your system and the subtle forms remain. You may become allergic, for instance, to nickel, to amalgams in your mouth such as your tooth fillings. You can't stand them. So as long as you live with the subtle forms of these heavy metals, the energetic memory of the metals remains alive.

Willem: Could you say that only a minute part of the DNA, which is now widely studied, is visible?

Alfons: Three per cent.

Willem: Three per cent? And the rest which controls us completely is spirit and soul?

Alfons: About 97 per cent is invisible. And that controls the visible. And of course, you can cut into the DNA. Genetic manipulation is good. Let us say, a child has a certain disease. It is a specific number of genes. We cut them out, replace them by the correct genes, and the child will heal. Wonderful. No problem. This is science; it is good. But does it do anything to the control?

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Take the metabolism. There are three inputs and three outputs. The inputs are (1) the air you breathe, (2) the food you eat, and then (3) fields surrounding us: electricity, electromagnetic fields, the influence of the planets and stars, and so on. These are the three inputs. Then there are three outputs. (1) the combustion of air and food gives you energy; (2) it provides rebuilding, and (3) it produces waste, the toxins which have to be driven out, urine, faeces and sweat. If your metabolism does not function well, you can take fruit and diets and food supplements for the rest of your life and you may still be in poor health if your control of the metabolism does not function properly.

Again, all inputs and outputs are coordinated by the control system. If you eat too much, your control system makes sure that the excess is sweated out or driven out in one way or other. Your pH level is controlled in minute ways by oxygen or carbon dioxide in your blood. Everything is controlled in the minutest amounts. It is the most fantastic control you can imagine. All of it is invisible, like the pneumatics and the electronics; you do not see them at work, but it works.

Willem: Shouldn't your approach also work for animals and plants?

Alfons: I did not do much work on plants, but it has to work on plants. It works on everything. For animals it works very well. I did a lot of testing on cattle. I collaborated with a farmer and we got very rewarding results on cattle. Everything was done with my preparations and my method. No vaccinations, no antibiotics—nothing but my preparations. We started with the average cattle everybody has, and four years later the farmer had won all first prizes in Belgium with his cattle. We managed the technique of treating embryos and re-implanting them. We were the first with real success in that area. It worked like magic. It works all the time. Soon cattle could be multiplied rapidly. Normally it takes generations and generations to get better cattle. We accomplished it in four years. All technically; all science.

Then, of course, the veterinarians come and say, "Let us work together", because it is something special. And I say, "I work only with this farmer, because I want to learn and show and experience that it works." It is hard to make suggestions to a cow or to give it placebos.

Willem: Neither does it work with little children...

Alfons: ...or people in coma, or people with Alzheimer's. You cannot fool them. People with Alzheimer's are greatly brought back to reality when they take my preparations. You see, so many beneficial applications are possible. Anyway, to continue my story, I did homoeopathy, I did alchemy, but I personally did not get really better. And that is the end of those chapters. Then came the breakthrough...

Evolutionary aspects

Alfons: One day I had an extraordinary experience. Sitting at home, I was thinking of all these things, how they all interconnect, how it all relates to each other, how the invisible controls the visible, and how nice it would be if I could master that for the benefit of man. Thinking about that, I dozed off. I entered into a special state. And suddenly I began realising things. For instance, I realised that during the evolution of millions and millions of years, there was a time when plants were

just procreating. They grew, they had offspring. And they had no enemies. Until, one day—and I am just giving a picture—an animal crawled out of the sea and ate the plant. Before it was eaten, the plant panicked. So, the next time an animal crawled out of the sea, all plants around the spot of the eaten plant panicked. "Oh, watch out! We are going to be eaten." Then the principle of a superior order was shown to me: the super-controls, the master controls. (In control technology we have master control and slave control.) All master controls were putting invisible information into that plant to overcome those deadly fears. I, too, have those fears, all those phobias. And it was shown to me that by inducing the invisible, the master controls programmed this information into the plant. And I thought, "Wouldn't it be nice if I could get that invisible information out of the plant and take it for myself? Probably my fears would disappear. Or rather, I would get control over them." Fears never disappear, but having control over them, that is another story. Right, Willem?

Willem: Absolutely.

Alfons: I got thrilled by the idea. But as an engineer I am pragmatic. I said, "Okay, all well and good, but show me. Show me how to do it. I know about homoeopathic preparations, I know about alchemic preparations, and I know I am good enough for handling this kind of preparation." And it was shown to me, in one way or another. And when I say "it was shown to me", I mean I realised how to do it. I did not say anything, I did not hear anything. I just realised how to do it.

Willem: No gods appearing, saying, "Alfons, I'll tell you how to do it."

Alfons: No! No messenger from heaven. No, just a realisation, like "I'm

going to do it this way". And what happened is, I tried it, I prepared it, I took it, and eight days later I had control over my fears. To a certain extent the fears were not gone, but I regained control. And I began gaining more and more control over myself. The second thing I tackled was my asthma. Like you, I had asthma all my life, with a heavy attack every night. Again I took the subtle, invisible information, prepared it the way I had realised it, and my asthma disappeared within a few weeks—a lasting asthma, 30, 40 years. And then my heart problem. I had a valve which did not work properly. I had had a heart attack. And again I was able to cure it. But then I realised that this "Evolution Vision" as you may call it—and it now is the name of my foundation—showed me more. I said, "Do not call people phobic any longer, but tell them, 'You have a problem with aspect plant. When you relate your emotional problem to evolution, it is on the level of plants.'"

Willem: Did evolution begin with a Big Bang or with fire?

Alfons: With sound. In the beginning was the Word. You read it in the scriptures, in the Vedas, everywhere. And it was shown to me that it was sound. I realised it. Sound, just like we are talking right now, needs space. Without space, sound cannot be transmitted. So the second aspect is space. And sound and space unite in a kind of mystic marriage which is the third aspect, fire. So we have sound, space and fire. And fire—if I say fire, you have to understand very well that it not only destroys but gives form as well. The Sun, for instance, is fire which makes things grow. We are used to thinking in negative terms, but fire is not only destructive. If I see somebody with arthritis, his fingers

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all deformed and inflamed, I know we are going to stop the process because the fire inside him is out of control. You give him the information "fire" and the arthritis stops. Whenever I see deformation or over-formation, I work with the aspect fire. To people with these phobias, you could of course say "It is mental". But it isn't. What you need is the information of a plant. It is your aspect plant. The plant inside you is out of control.

Willem: So we all have an aspect plant inside us?

Alfons: We have 12 evolutionary aspects inside us. Sound, space, fire, light, elements, matter, organisms, plant, animal, human, communication and planning. With elements, I mean the chemical elements of Mendeleyev's table.

Let us say you have all these people with hernia problems; their discs are damaged. I realised—I never say, "I found out"—that from the 100 elements of Mendeleyev's table, there is one catalyser. If this catalyser is not sufficiently available in your information, in a subtle form, the entire disc will break down. When you supply it, the process stops. And I have seen the disc being rebuilt slowly but surely. So a lot of people with back problems come to me. I give them this catalyser, of course in a subtle, invisible form. And it not only stops the destructive process but, if you take your time and continue taking the preparations, it helps rebuild the discs.

Restoring control

Willem: So people call you. Very quickly you know what is going on. You do not have to do research, you do not have to see them. It all happens by phone.

Alfons: I do an attunement, of course, to see whether the problem has a spiritual basis, a psychological or a psychosomatic. Or whether it is really physical. In that case, the doctor does the diagnosis; I don't. If the problem is physical, like rheumatism, the diagnosis is a physician's or rheumatologist's responsibility. They tell me. But beyond that, I can readily discern whether it is spiritual or psychological or psychosomatic. And there it stops for me.

Willem: So then you mail them little round pills; nothing chemical, no ordinary medicine...

Alfons: Right. The grains are made out of lactose. The information is brought into the lactose grains. They carry the information, like the carrier we have here—wires which carry the spoken information. To change information, whether visible or invisible, you need a carrier.

Willem: And then for one month, 28 days, they take these grains, one or more, and that's it.

Alfons: That's it.

Willem: And what happens when you give them this new information or different information?

Alfons: It restores control.

Willem: To the system?

Alfons: No, I am not even influencing the system. It is information to restore the control of the control system. It is like giving new information to the DNA. It enters through the aspect sound, it is transported into space, fire and all the other

evolutionary aspects until it reaches the human aspect, which means the DNA. The 96 or 97 per cent of the information which clusters around the physical DNA receives new information. And you regain control.

Willem: And what are the implications of regaining control?

Alfons: Threefold: a lot of diseases and symptoms disappear—not all, but a lot. Even better is that, because the control information is rearranged, your life begins to work in a more perfect way. Your communication system is tuned up; you are attuned. There is a balanced inner communication between your cells and between your DNA. Along comes a balanced communication between you and me, between you and your surroundings, because those informations—and I weigh my words—are so super-intelligent that they can arrange circumstances, too.

Willem: Right.

Alfons: So your boss hates you, and you can never do anything right for him. You also cannot communicate with him because he is too gruff. He will never let you communicate. Then you take these pills and your communication system is upgraded. You control it, and this kind of information is shared with such people. So that all of a sudden, you walk up to him because you changed,

your information system has been cleaned and you say, "I need to talk to you."

Willem: And he listens.

Alfons: He listens. And to your great surprise he says, "Oh, I'll give you a raise and a better position"—so even the circumstances are controlled. But there is more—and as you said at the beginning, Willem, this is the best of all. The intelligence of the preparations is so highly evolved that you are gently reconnected with your origin, with your authenticity, with the real you. The first time I saw you, Willem, I told you, "Not only do you have asthma, you have lack of space." And now, two years later, you can bear witness to the space around you and the people around you...there is more space in your life.

Willem: Absolutely true. And I have seen something similar happening to my sister. She, too, had a very powerful asthma. And she designs stage costumes and never got paid what her work deserved. She was undervalued and she was unable to talk about it. Not only is her asthma gone now, but her whole character has changed. She asks higher fees, and she

gets them. She is amazed by her inner power.

Alfons: I knew this homoeopath, one of the most renowned in Holland. He attended one of my lectures and said, "When I hear you talking, I want to stop practising." He is more or less our age, about sixty. He devoted his life to homoeopathy; a real character. He never married, so he could devote himself to his profession. And he said, "When I hear you talking, I'd better stop." I said, "You don't have to stop. Do things to the best of your possibilities. But let us make a deal. Let me come with you to screen your patients." He is renowned for his results with cancer. "Let us take one day to screen your patients together. Then I will do an evaluation." We met 10 patients, most of them terminal,

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real heavy cases—cancer, leukaemia, etcetera. And I tell you, he scored, of course, 10 out of 10 with the physical diagnosis. But nine times out of 10 he was wrong about the spiritual, psychosomatic or psychological part.

So, like I used to do, he was tampering with homoeopathy, but not really knowing in what way because he could not determine the invisible cause. And only by discerning those causes, by determining which aspect is at work—the aspect fire or plant, the psychosomatic or whatever—you are really able to cure.

Take children with learning problems; we have more and more of them. Most of them cannot switch between the left and right brain. They use either the emotional or the rational side. They cannot switch really well. So teachers say, "He is a lazy boy. He doesn't want to study." Not true! If I restore the communication between the brain sides, they can learn like anybody else.

Willem: And people with sleeping problems, headaches, all these things...

Alfons: Well, with sleeping problems you must discern between the various causes of insomnia. Can't someone sleep because of spiritual anxiety? Is the anxiety spiritual or psychological? Is it stress anxiety that keeps someone awake? Then I determine which aspect I must work on. You cannot generalise. That's why, in most cases, people should call me personally so they can explain the problem and I can determine what is going on. Sometimes it is spiritual anxiety, as with the boy who saw the monster in the shopping mall. In that case, the psychiatrist was right: it was spiritual. As soon as the boy was delivered from his fear, his soul was pure and good, and nothing psychological was wrong with him.

So you must discern what is going on. We live in a time in which more and more people are shopping around for New Age solutions, the spiritual challenge. Many are burning themselves. They are estranged from their inner selves. They want help. I can give them preparations to boost them mentally, so that they may overcome the urge to move too fast in the spiritual, to overcompensate or to go entirely astray. Taking the overall look...

I don't know, Willem. If people would begin calling me right now just for asthma, I could make a 28-day standard cure for that problem. In my practice so far, there have been

only a few cases of asthma which were psychological and not a subtle form of disease. It does exist. There again, if asthma is mental then it needs a psychological treatment. But in 99 per cent of the cases, asthma is a subtle form of disease. So with a standard cure of 28 days, I think they will all get better. I am certain. And most everyone will get cured. If asthma is complicated by emphysema, it takes a long time to recuperate the lungs a little bit. That is not asthma but another problem. Children with dyslexia, learning problems, Down's syndrome and recently also autism have had breakthroughs after I gave them attunements and tune-ups. They have another life, and it makes me really happy when I think about this.

Willem: The quality of their life improves.

Alfons: Exactly. And dyslexic children are no longer pushed aside by their peers who are brilliant and who excel. And then, of course, there is the predisposition leading to osteoporosis. The hormonal system has to be controlled. This entire glandular

system is controlled by the invisible. And I know exactly what to do to control the hormonal system. We have women entering menopause. A lot of them think, "I am worth nothing. Why am I living?" They are getting depressed. I give them a tune-up, restore the control of their hormonal system. And they revitalise and will not develop osteoporosis, either.

This method covers so many areas. As I said, 97 per cent is about invisible control and three per cent is physical.

Improving relationships and quality of life

Willem: In fact, since we did our first program together two years ago, hundreds and hundreds of people have been calling you.

Alfons: Thousands...

Willem: Thousands...and in most cases your method works.

Alfons: Yes. There are always people saying, "I took five of your cures and I feel nothing." I say, "Okay." But I know the attunement that has taken place: their control system has been balanced. And as you talk to them, they say, "Yes, I must admit that..." And what follows usually relates to something on the spiritual or psychological level. They say, "I feel happier. If I have things to do, I do not wait any more, I do them right away." Or they say, "My relationship with my husband is better..."

Willem: I met a young boy who said, "I took four of those cures of Alfons Ven, but the pimples on my face have not disappeared. Nothing happened." I said, "Really? Nothing happened? How do you feel?" "Oh, I am much less depressed than usual!"

Alfons: Yes, of course. Those are subtle interventions with subtle changes. But the subtle changes are the best, because they deal with the balance within yourself. The slogan I use is,

"Choose yourself". There are all these women who were taught to live for their children and their husbands, forgetting all about themselves. They even believe they are not allowed to choose themselves.

Willem: It is forbidden and bad.

Alfons: Right. They must always think about children. I tell them, "Choose yourself. If you choose yourself in this system, you come close to your inner axis, to your inner self. You're going to radiate this to your children and you will notice and see the changes in your husband and children." It works like that. And, of

course, the Dutch are always clever; they call me and say, "Okay, I heard you. I have a great career, I am top of the bill, my health is excellent, *but...*"

Alfons: The great but...

Alfons: "...but my relationship...we've been married for 10 years, we cannot get children...and our relationship is fading away." The man takes it seriously. Two months later, I get a phone call. "Alfons, thank you. My life is golden again, our relationship is again a golden relationship." You see, these are very subtle things, but the most important ones. You may have all the money in the world, enjoy the best health, and you can still be unhappy.

These preparations automatically provide a better quality of life. They make you progress. And best of all is the final phase, after all the progress has been achieved. We all come to the phase when we prepare ourselves to ascend. Then life must be good, too. A balanced life requires a balance between progress and

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ascension. You don't have to start with ascension early in life. That comes with age.

First you need progress, the feeling that you've made it, success. That needs good health. When that has been achieved, when you're 90 years old and you have a terminal disease, it is time for ascension. And then the beauty of these preparations reaches its fullest extent. In these final moments, the most powerful things happen. They provoke the greatest gratitude. People thank me, send me letters of gratitude because of these final moments when even my preparations cannot bring any improvement in the terminal stage of a disease. But I assure them—and I weigh my words—I assure them top quality of life up to the very last moment, no matter the age or the disease. They bring in a man; he is on a stretcher. He cannot stand the slightest noise. He is on morphine; he has pain. Then he starts taking the preparations. He comes back to life, he works a bit in his garden, he eats well, sleeps well, enjoys life. In the last 15 minutes of his life, he says, "Darling, it is time to say goodbye." Just like we are sitting here. And 15 minutes later he is gone.

Willem: He is gone. Which we call natural death...

Alfons: Natural death.

Willem: ...which barely exists any more. Most people die of diseases.

Alfons: His wife calls me and says, "This has been the most beautiful experience of my life." No tears. "Of course I'm sorry he is gone, but I feel joy and happiness." I can tell stories that would make you cry your eyes out of their sockets; how people had messed up their life. A man could not die. He was in the hospital. His daughter gave him my preparations. What happened? He left the clinic. He didn't die but started making confessions. He had five daughters and with three of them he had had incest. They did not know that about each other but they hated each other. The man got time. First he confessed to the eldest daughter and in the end he reconciled with his children and his environment.

Three months later he went back to the clinic and, instead of raging and tearing all the tubes apart, he died peacefully. He slipped into a coma and was gone. The way he should. He was prepared. And yet, the best therapy may fail. So people say, "I took five of your cures and it failed." I say, "Okay. It failed. The best therapy might fail, but your ascension will not fail."

Willem: Right. Wonderful, your healing method.

Alfons: Wonderful indeed. You experienced it, I experienced it and so many people with us.

Willem: You are not a wreck any more. You are quite a healthy doctor, though you are not a doctor.

Alfons: And I am not tired any more, and I work long days and late nights. I feel good. And the gratitude and joy overwhelm me again and again. When there is a minute during the day that I do not do something, it overwhelms me. It is as if my cup runs over all the time. And I see people holding their small cup under it and it fills up.

Willem: And now, people listening to this cassette or reading

our interview are interested. They have asthma or cancer or autistic children or...

Alfons: ...whatever. People who want quality of life.

Willem: Or people who feel perfectly alright, but want to return to the origin of their character. Or improve the quality of their lives. What do they do?

Alfons: They should give me a call.

Willem: Just call you.

Alfons: A call or an email is good. Both are form, the aspect fire being the mystic relation of sound and space. The fact that somebody heard or read something about me is already a good contact. Text is form. A letter is formed and that is fire. Thoughts are form. Some boys get sick by just thinking about school.

Willem: I did not like school either, but that is pretty hefty.

Alfons: What complicated the matter is that his daddy taught mathematics at that school. The boy was twelve, all messed up, roaming the streets. His life was misery. Of course, they took him to psychologists and psychiatrists. My son was going to the same college and he said, "Dad, it is really bad. Can you talk to him?" I said, "Yeah, send him in."

They were living in our neighbourhood, French-speaking people. The boy was terribly intelligent. I could not fool him. I asked him if he had a girlfriend. He beat around the bush, his guard was up 100 per cent; a very intelligent boy. So we talked about all kinds of things and gradually I understood that his fear was based on being ridiculed.

So I said, "I am not giving you pills right away. I have an exercise. First thing in the morning, you open your window and you say in a loud voice, 'I am not more than somebody else, I am not less than somebody else, I am myself.' And then you say your first name."

He looked at me and I said, "You know why? You will always meet people who are more clever than you or not as bright as you; people who are

stronger, and people who are weaker than you. So what is the lesson? You are yourself. You are nothing but yourself. So be happy with it." He looked at me like, "What is he talking about?" "Do you want to go back to school?" He said, "Yes." I said, "Do your homework and come back next week."

Next week: "Well, what did you do?" He said, "You know, Mr Ven, my two brothers share the same bedroom with me, so I did not speak out loud at the open window." "Okay, do you want to go back to school?" "Yes." "Do your homework. See you next week."

Next week: "I did open the window, but I was kind of whispering." "No. Go back home and do your homework. I told you: loud and clear!" This went on some more until he came back all beaming. "Finally," he said, "I yelled it from the top of my lungs and I meant it: I am myself! I am Jean. I am Jean." And he went back to school.

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Let the hoax begin: the "official" Hitler corpse

On 5 May 1945, the "badly burnt" corpses of a man and woman were reportedly discovered by the Soviets in a ditch located a mere three metres from the emergency exit from the *Fuehrerbunker*.³¹ It is maintained by most historians today that the corpses discovered this day were those of the *real* Adolf and Eva Hitler. The only mystery, they think, is why Stalin began insisting, as early as 26 May 1945, that Hitler was still alive.

In fact, there is no evidence to corroborate the story of the discovery of the two corpses. Since no photographs apparently were taken of them *in situ*, they could quite literally have come from anywhere. An obvious problem is that they were reportedly discovered in a ditch situated just three metres from the bunker exit.³² Although this is consistent with the statements of alleged eyewitnesses to the burial, who cite distances of between one and three metres, this means that the ditch was located almost directly outside the exit door—a circumstance that would have rendered its use unsafe, to say the least.

What's more, if the ditch really had existed, it is hard to see why the Soviets neither photographed it nor preserved it intact. The earliest photos—those taken in early July 1945, when many foreign reporters and military officials came to view the historic spot—are of a ditch that looks at least 12 metres away from the exit, and possibly more. It is hard to see why, if the ditch mentioned by the eyewitnesses had existed in the first place, two months later it had been covered over and visitors were being shown a different ditch.

A few words are in order concerning the sheer unlikelihood of the presumed Hitler corpse having been authentic. There is something inherently improbable about the idea that Hitler's corpse would have been discarded so near the *Fuehrerbunker*. The narrative of the Third Reich's last days with which we are familiar suggests that measures for dealing with Hitler's death were cobbled together more or less at the last minute as Soviet troops threatened the Reich Chancellery itself. But this view is nonsense. Hitler's fate was the subject of planning that stretched back *at least* until 22 April 1945. That day, Dr Goebbels told General Schoerner: "The least that I can do is ensure that the Fuehrer's corpse does not fall into the hands of the enemy as a trophy."³³ Since the Germans were committed to ensuring that Hitler's body would never be recovered by the enemy, it made no sense at all for them to place it in a location so close to the *Fuehrerbunker* that it could not possibly be overlooked. It also made no sense to inter it in the same grave as a female body that would be able to be identified as Eva Hitler's. Anyone whose mission was to conceal Hitler's corpse would hardly have chosen to inter it with another that provided a blatant clue as to its identity. This is, rather, what someone would do who wanted a decoy body instantly mistaken for Hitler's.

Two further circumstances would seem to prove that we are dealing with a hoax. First, according to the Soviet autopsy report, the corpse was missing its right-side ribs and its left foot.³⁴ While this doesn't prove that the corpse wasn't Hitler's, it does establish that the familiar story of Hitler committing suicide in the bunker and his corpse being carried up to ground level to be cremated and buried immediately afterwards cannot be true. After all, Hitler's right ribs and left foot can hardly have fallen off on the way up the stairs.

Second, the corpses discovered by the Soviets cannot have been cremated in the open air, as eyewitnesses maintained. According to an anonymous British intelligence officer who stated that he had been shown the remains shortly after they had been found: "There were not two complete skeletons and none of the main bones was intact."³⁵ According to W. F. Heimlich, a former intelligence officer who in 1947 was a high official in the

American administration of Berlin, the corpses would probably have had to be burned in a closed crematory to achieve the condition of almost total disintegration in which they were found.³⁶ In *The Murder of Adolf Hitler*, forensic scientist Hugh Thomas provides support for this conclusion. Thomas points out that "the damage described on the skull [in the Soviet autopsy report, parts of which were not published until 1968] could have been produced only in temperatures over 1000°C—far greater than any that could have been produced in the open garden of the Reichskanzlei".³⁷

Creative dentistry

On 8 May 1945, the Soviets set out to identify the corpses they suspected to be those of Adolf and Eva Hitler. That day, two Russians—chief forensic pathologist Dr Faust Sherovsky and anatomical pathologist Major Anna Marantz—autopsied the remains at SMERSH (Soviet military counter-intelligence) headquarters in the Berlin suburb of Buch. According to their report: "The most important anatomical finding for identification of the person are the teeth, with much bridgework, artificial teeth, crowns and fillings."³⁸ Indeed, in the pre-DNA-testing era, the only means of obtaining a secure identification of a heavily damaged corpse was by examining the teeth and comparing them with available dental records.

Unfortunately, no documents are available that describe the teeth of the two corpses as they were found on 5 May. The earliest information we have concerning their teeth derives from the autopsy report, which was written three days later. If the report can be believed, the mouth of the presumptive Hitler corpse was completely intact: "There are many small cracks in...the upper jawbones. The tongue is charred, its tip firmly locked between the teeth of the upper and lower jaws."³⁹ The problem was therefore locating Hitler's dental charts.⁴⁰ The Soviets' attempt to find them led them into a mire of intrigue and

deception which remains unravelled even today. As far as it can be reconstructed from extant sources, the investigation proceeded along the following lines.

On 9 May, a Soviet military officer, a female intelligence officer and a male translator went looking for Hitler's dentist, SS General Professor Dr Johann Hugo Blaschke, at his surgery at Kurfuerstendamm 213. When they arrived, they found that Prof. Blaschke was not there and that his practice had been taken over by Dr Fedor Bruck, a Jewish dentist who, in order to evade deportation to the east, had spent two and a half years living underground in Berlin. According to a record Dr Bruck made in 1948, some of Prof. Blaschke's files were still present at the time. But while the visitors were able to take away records for

Himmler, Dr Ley, Goering and Dr Goebbels, all of Hitler's had already been removed.⁴¹ However, the search was not a complete failure, for Dr Bruck told the Soviet officers where they could find Prof. Blaschke's assistant, Kaethe Heusemann, and his dental technician, Fritz Eichtmann.

Dr Bruck accompanied the officers to Heusemann's apartment a short distance away in the Pariserstrasse. Heusemann was then taken to the Reich Chancellery, where a fruitless search for Hitler's dental records was conducted. The next day, 10 May,

she was taken to SMERSH headquarters and ordered to examine the remains there. By this stage, the jawbones had been removed from the alleged Hitler corpse, for Heusemann was shown them in a cigar box. This would presumably have been done in order to make them easier to study; however, this raises the problem of the chain of evidence, for we have no means of knowing whether the jawbones Heusemann was shown really came from the corpse autopsied on 8 May.

Nonetheless, Heusemann affirmed that the teeth were Hitler's.⁴² A few days later, she told Dr Bruck that she had been able to identify them immediately. A year later, Dr Bruck told a foreign

reporter that Heusemann had recognised "...an upper crown which was an anchor for a bridge on Hitler's upper jaw. The bridge had been cut because the other anchor had been extracted. The operation left surgical traces which Frau Heusemann [*sic*] recognized at once."⁴³

According to the record of her 19 May interrogation, Heusemann recognised drill marks left behind by Prof. Blaschke in the autumn of 1944 on the fourth tooth in Hitler's left upper jaw when he had extracted two adjacent teeth.⁴⁴ "I was holding a mirror in the mouth and watching the whole procedure with great attention," she declared.⁴⁵

But before we discuss Heusemann's evidence concerning Hitler's teeth, a digression is needed in order to evaluate her evidence in regard to the teeth of the alleged corpse of Eva Hitler. As we shall see, her evidence is rather problematic and casts some doubt on her additional claims to have worked on Eva's teeth.

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Photo taken on 6 July 1945 of the ditch in which the Soviets had allegedly found the corpses of Adolf and Eva Hitler. (Source: Corbis Picture Library)

A bridge too far

Dr Bruck also told the foreign reporter that on the same occasion Heusemann had told him that she had been shown "a female bridge from the lower jaw which contained four teeth". "She identified it as Eva Braun's and said, 'We made it for her only six weeks ago,' he related. She told the Russians the bridge was made by a man named Eichmann [*sic*], who was a dental mechanic for Dr Blaschke."⁴⁶

However, the very information that initially seemed to confirm the identity of the female corpse only ended up disconfirming it. On 11 May, the Soviets questioned Prof. Blaschke's dental technician, Fritz Echtmann. He was interrogated about Eva Hitler's teeth on an unspecified number of other occasions in May 1945, and again on 24 July 1947.⁴⁷ On the latter occasion, Echtmann admitted to his interrogator, a Major Vaindorf, that "[a]t the beginning of April 1945" Prof. Blaschke had asked him "to make a small bridge for Eva Braun's right upper jaw".⁴⁸

Echtmann seems to have been talking about the bridge which Heusemann told Dr Bruck that the Soviets had shown her the day before. Dr Bruck told the foreign reporter about this in May 1946. He can probably be believed: there is no obvious reason that he could have known about the existence of the bridge requested by Prof Blaschke in early April—"the 1945 bridge", as I shall subsequently refer to it—if Heusemann had not told him about it.

There are two problems with this information, however. First, the bridge Heusemann described sounds more like the bridge that had been fitted in Eva's mouth by Prof. Blaschke—Heusemann says with her assistance—in the autumn of 1944. (For simplicity's sake, I shall subsequently refer to this as "the 1944 bridge".) The 1945 bridge was for only *one* tooth. The question, therefore, is why Heusemann told the Soviets—and Dr Bruck—that the 1944 bridge was the one that Prof. Blaschke had asked Echtmann to make only six weeks earlier.

Second, why did Heusemann say this if she knew that the 1945 bridge had never been inserted in Eva's mouth?

At some stage—exactly when is not clear—Echtmann told his Soviet interrogators that Heusemann had told him it had never been fitted:

"On 19 April, 1945, I called Professor Blaschke and told him that the small bridge was ready. He told me it would be sent to Berchtesgaden if Eva Braun was there. On the same day, 19 April, I sent the small denture to Professor Blaschke at the Reich Chancellery. Later, in a talk with his assistant Heusemann I learnt that Professor Blaschke had flown to Berchtesgaden on 20 April and had not fitted the small denture in Berlin."⁴⁹

The problems identified here do not damn Heusemann's evidence, but they do undermine her credibility. If she knew that Prof. Blaschke had not fitted the 1945 bridge, why did she lead the Soviets to believe that it *had* been fitted?

The problem is compounded by the information that on 19 April, Prof. Blaschke apparently had not known whether Eva was in Berlin or not. On 19 May 1945, Heusemann told the Soviets

that "a month ago we extracted one tooth [from Eva] in the upper jaw, the 6th one on the left".⁵⁰ Since Eva apparently arrived in Berlin in mid-April—the precise date does not appear to be known—and Prof. Blaschke left the city on 20 April, the extraction must have been performed during the period 15–20 April. In these circumstances, Prof. Blaschke must surely have known that Eva was in Berlin. What's more, since the bridge contained the false tooth to be inserted in the place of the extracted tooth, it made little sense not to have established in advance when and where the bridge was to be fitted. There is something rather slipshod and unlikely about all this.

Then there is the problem that Prof. Blaschke already knew in early April that Eva would need a tooth extracted. It is not clear why he therefore did not remove the tooth then, rather than wait until the denture was ready. Perhaps he wanted to replace the tooth with the denture almost immediately. But if he waited a few weeks until the denture was ready, why was it not fitted the day

Echtmann sent it over to the Reich Chancellery surgery on 19 April? Since Eva was in Berlin, Prof. Blaschke had ample opportunity to insert the fitting, either the same day or the following day (20 April). After all, Prof. Blaschke's flight to Berchtesgaden did not actually take place until the early hours of 21 April.

We therefore do not know what really happened to the 1945 bridge—whether Prof. Blaschke fitted it in Berlin and Heusemann had lied to (or simply misinformed) Echtmann, whether Prof. Blaschke took it on the plane with him to Berchtesgaden or whether he left it behind in Berlin, perhaps for his replacement, Dr Helmut Kunz, to insert in Eva's mouth. The striking fact is that *Hitler's Death*—the recently published collection of documents from Soviet archives allegedly proving that the human remains which the Soviets found on 5 May had been those of Adolf and Eva Hitler—contains neither Heusemann's 10 May interrogation report nor Echtmann's 11 May interrogation report. What's more, although Dr Kunz took Prof. Blaschke's place on 23 April, his interrogation record yields no

information as to whether he worked on Eva Hitler's teeth after that date. Since it is hard to believe that the Soviets would not have asked Dr Kunz whether he had performed any dental work on Adolf or Eva Hitler, it can safely be assumed that the editors of *Hitler's Death* have chosen to suppress this information.

Without any more information to go on, it is not possible to say what the real significance of the 1945 bridge was. What can be said is that if, during his first interrogation on 11 May 1945, Echtmann revealed to the Soviets that the small bridge had never been fitted, this would explain why, on or about 15 May, apparently without any advance warning, the Soviets took Heusemann into custody.⁵¹

The fact that Heusemann was repeatedly interrogated by Soviet intelligence agents suggests that information was continually coming to light that rendered her evidence problematic. On 19 May, Lt-General Vadis interrogated her for nearly five hours.⁵² A partial record of *this* interrogation does appear in *Hitler's Death*.⁵³

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According to this document, Heusemann said that she had been able to verify that the teeth were Eva's because she recognised a "gold and resin bridge" that, with her assistance, Prof. Blaschke had inserted in the right part of Eva's lower jaw in the "summer of 1944".⁵⁴ At a later date—no earlier than 23 July 1947—Heusemann was still being pressed for a full description of Eva Hitler's teeth.⁵⁵ In this statement, she implied that Eva had a false tooth in her upper right jaw—which she can only have done if the 1945 bridge had been fitted after all!⁵⁶

Such prolonged and intensive questioning is inconsistent with the idea that the information Heusemann provided had been sufficient to establish that the teeth were Eva's. If so, why ask her to go over the subject again and again? There are therefore plenty of *hints* of intrigue, but thanks to the fact that only very brief selections from her interrogations are included in *Hitler's Death*, it is not possible to chronicle the development of her story. The same goes for Echtmann's evidence: *Hitler's Death* only contains statements he gave on 24 July 1947, not those he gave in May 1945 during what appear to have been at least four or five interrogations.

Heusemann's and Echtmann's fate supports the conclusion that the Soviets found something fishy about their evidence. Within two days of each other in August 1951, Heusemann and Echtmann were arrested by Soviet MGB (Ministry of State Security) officials. Heusemann was charged with "having treated Hitler, Himmler and other Nazi leaders until April 1945", while Echtmann was charged with "assisting Hitler and his circle". Each was sentenced to 10 years in a Soviet labour camp.⁵⁷ Neither person appears ever to have been repatriated and it is a fair guess that both vanished in Stalin's vast, impenetrable gulag. It seems hard to credit the idea that their crimes really consisted of having provided Hitler and other top Nazis with dental treatment; more likely, both paid the ultimate price for trying to deceive Stalin.

X-ray deception

In the above discussion of the forensic issues concerning Eva Hitler's teeth, it became obvious that Heusemann's evidence was problematic to say the least. She told the Soviets and Dr Bruck that the bridge that was shown to her had been made recently, yet it more closely resembles the bridge she claimed to have helped Prof. Blaschke insert in the summer of 1944 than the 1945 bridge. In view of the issues raised in relation to Eva's teeth that undermine her credibility, it is important to ask whether Heusemann was actually *competent* to assess the evidence concerning the teeth of the presumptive Hitler corpse discovered on 5 May.

By 10 May, the jawbones had been removed from the "Hitler" corpse and placed, if we can believe it, in a cigar box and shown to Heusemann. For our purposes it is unimportant whether the cigar box was ferried to Heusemann, as Soviet military reconnaissance interpreter Elena Rzhetskaya claimed,⁵⁸ or whether Heusemann was taken to SMERSH headquarters to

identify them there, which is what Dr Bruck in his 1948 memoir indicated happened.⁵⁹ What is important is that in the record of her 19 May interrogation, Heusemann stated, as established previously, that she had recognised drill marks left behind by Prof. Blaschke on the fourth tooth in Hitler's left upper jaw the time he extracted two adjacent teeth.⁶⁰

The problem is, rather, that all of Heusemann's claims to have worked on Hitler's teeth—claims which are iterated on several occasions in *Hitler's Death*—appear to be false. In early 1948, while still in American captivity, Prof. Blaschke gave an interview in which he stated that Heusemann "cannot give a positive identification because she knows only some X-rays of Hitler's teeth".⁶¹ Thus, Heusemann's knowledge of Hitler's teeth derived solely from the X-rays and not from personal experience. She can therefore *never* have helped Prof. Blaschke work on Hitler's teeth six times between 1944 and 1945, as she told her Soviet interrogators, and can only have recognised the "drill marks" she told Dr Bruck about from the X-rays she had studied. She therefore had no means of knowing whether the X-rays accurately represented the condition of Hitler's mouth or that of someone else.

Once I realised that Heusemann had lied about having worked on Hitler's teeth, I also began to doubt Heusemann's claim to have worked also on the teeth of Eva Hitler and many leading Nazis. According to the testimony she gave the Soviets, she had worked at the Reich Chancellery dental surgery from December 1944 until 20 April 1945. She specifically claimed to have helped Prof. Blaschke extract a tooth from Eva Hitler in April 1945. However, despite the relatively long period involved—around four months—I have found no account that corroborates her presence in the Reich Chancellery surgery, aside from the aforementioned contact between Heusemann and Echtmann that does

not prove that she really worked there. (Since Echtmann could have been a participant in the same intrigues as Heusemann, his evidence is far from decisive.)

During the period from 20 April to 2 May 1945, Heusemann is also supposed to have remained in the Chancellery. Dr Bruck told reporters that for safety reasons she had remained in the Chancellery "in the last days of Berlin".⁶² It is odd, then, that she was not mentioned by Dr Kunz, who took over from Prof. Blaschke at the Chancellery surgery on 23 April. (Dr Kunz apparently had no assistant at all.) My conclusion is that Heusemann was probably nothing more than an opportunist, someone who sought to profit from knowledge of the dental charts she had gained in 1944(–45?) while working for Prof. Blaschke. To this end, Heusemann appears to have recruited Dr Bruck.

According to Dr Bruck himself, he renewed his acquaintanceship with Heusemann on 4 May, when he located her in the Pariserstrasse. It seems likely that this day she drew him into her confidence and explained how she had enjoyed access to Hitler's dental records. It is clear why Dr Bruck, despite being Jewish, was a willing participant in the dental intrigues surrounding the alleged corpses of Adolf and Eva Hitler.

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Although he had been living underground in Berlin since October 1942—and was reportedly destitute by the time the Soviets entered Steglitz (the quarter of the city in which he had been hiding) on 26 April 1945—Dr Bruck was placed in a position by Heusemann to take over Prof. Blaschke's surgery less than a week after they had renewed their association. This was quite a coup, for the surgery was located in Berlin's most fashionable street.

Dr Bruck's prior relationship with Heusemann offers the only plausible explanation for this cosy arrangement. Heusemann had worked for Dr Bruck when he was a school dentist in her home town of Liegnitz (Silesia) in the mid-1930s. She moved to Berlin in April 1937 to work for Prof. Blaschke. It is possible that, knowing he would probably never return, Prof. Blaschke gave Heusemann the rights to the surgery after he left Berlin on 20 April; if so, she might have considered it a good idea to secure her right to the practice in the new post-Nazi era by placing it in the care of a Jewish dentist she knew and trusted.

What strengthens the likelihood that this scenario accords with the facts is evidence that Dr Bruck was consciously playing a role in a hoax to authenticate the alleged remains of the *Fuehrer* and his wife. First, it was Dr Bruck who told Soviet investigators about Heusemann and Echtmann.

Having established on 4 May where she lived, he was in a position to lead them straight to her when they arrived at the Kurfuerstendamm surgery on 9 May. For by that date, Dr Bruck had already taken over the surgery and moved into the apartment connected to it.⁶³ It was obviously extremely convenient for them that Dr Bruck was on hand to meet them when they arrived. If the surgery had been abandoned altogether, the Soviets would have had to go to a good deal more trouble to track down anyone who apparently possessed the

necessary competence to evaluate the alleged Hitler dental evidence. Things couldn't have been made any easier for them.

Second, there is a puzzling instance of foreknowledge. When the Soviet investigators arrived at the surgery, Dr Bruck seemed to know why they had come. He asked them if they were seeking to identify some "fragments" they had found.⁶⁴ While it would not have taken much by way of brains to guess they were seeking to identify a corpse, Bruck's use of the word *Fragmente*—which has the exact same meaning in German as it does in English (i.e., fragments)—seems quite a slip. What is sometimes referred to as Hitler's jawbone (i.e., in the singular) is actually a collection of four fragments.⁶⁵ Dr Bruck must have known in advance that it was not a question of identifying an intact set of teeth. It was a slip that implies participation in a conspiracy to deceive the Soviets.

Third is the striking fact that Dr Bruck was the first person to reveal to Western reporters that the Soviets had called on Heusemann to identify teeth they presumed to be Hitler's. After Heusemann and Echtmann vanished into Soviet prisons in mid-May 1945, Dr Bruck never gave up trying to pass on information to the West that confirmed Western suspicions that the Soviets had found Hitler's body. On 5 July 1945, two days after the Western Allies were allowed to enter Berlin, Dr Bruck began scouting out foreign reporters to ask if they knew anything about Heusemann's fate. Although there is no reason to doubt that he felt genuine concern for her safety, Dr Bruck had the opportunity from such contacts with foreign reporters to ensure that the

information which the Soviets had gleaned from Heusemann, but had been withholding, reached the West at last. On 9 July, an article by William Forrest was published in the British *News Chronicle* that incorporated information Dr Bruck had given Forrest on 7 July.⁶⁶ Dr Bruck obviously wanted to ensure that Heusemann's information entered circulation, whether the Soviets liked it or not.

Fourth, in 1947 Dr Bruck was very nearly arrested by the Soviets. At that time, the Americans warned him that the Soviets had decided to arrest him. Had he not been warned in time, they would surely have succeeded and Dr Bruck would have joined Heusemann and Echtmann in Soviet captivity. Instead, Dr Bruck emigrated to the United States and in 1952 acquired American citizenship. (He spent the last 30 years of his life living in New York under the Anglicised name of Theodor Brooke.)

The thesis that best accounts for events, therefore, is that on 4 May Dr Bruck struck a deal with Heusemann to ensure that the Soviets would believe that they had found the remains of Adolf and Eva Hitler. In return for services such as ensuring that the Soviets were able to locate Heusemann and Echtmann without difficulty, Dr Bruck appears to have been rewarded with Prof.

Blaschke's Kurfuerstendamm surgery. When the Soviets sought to arrest him in 1947—the same year Heusemann and Echtmann were apparently re-interrogated about their claims—the Americans intervened and gave him refuge in the United States.

Where the plan went awry, I would suggest, is that it was based on knowledge that Heusemann had only derived from studying Adolf and Eva Hitler's dental charts (or, more likely, charts she had *assumed* to be those of Adolf and Eva Hitler). It is easy to see how Heusemann could have been

encouraged to examine them. All Prof. Blaschke had to do was leave the charts and X-rays of a man who had been selected to die in Hitler's place lying around in his surgery for Heusemann and Echtmann to inspect. They would have had no idea that he had done so with a view to misleading them. At any point between the date that the X-rays were made—apparently they date from September 1944—and April 1945, the man would have been murdered and his body stored for use when Berlin fell. The charts and X-rays would then have been destroyed—an act that would have reinforced the belief that the charts had been authentic. All this could have been done without Heusemann and Echtmann realising that they were being used.

However the intrigue unfolded, there is one fact that cannot be denied: so far as anyone knows, the only person to survive the war who genuinely possessed the expertise to identify Hitler's teeth was Prof. Blaschke himself.

Reconstructing the truth

Having run into a brick wall with Heusemann and Echtmann, the Soviets must have been overjoyed when in July 1945 Prof. Blaschke turned up in an American camp for prominent POWs. They promptly sent him a bag containing all the necessary equipment and ordered him to reconstruct, as perfectly as his memory enabled him, the appearance of Hitler's jawbone. The result, we are told, perfectly matched the jawbone Heusemann had identified as Hitler's.⁶⁷

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But if Prof. Blaschke's evidence corroborated Heusemann's identification, the proof itself has never been published. Although the Americans had Prof. Blaschke in their hands from May 1945, when he was captured, until late 1948, they never made public any of the information he shared with them about Hitler's teeth. On 5 February 1946, for example, he was interrogated by US military intelligence on precisely this subject. However, the report based on the 1946 interview was never released and *remains classified by the US Department of Defense even today*.⁶⁸ Given that by 1946 the Americans were extremely keen to publicise any information which suggested that the Soviets really had discovered Hitler's corpse, it must be the case that, wittingly or otherwise, Prof. Blaschke had given them information that contradicted this position.

It is also hard to draw any firm conclusions from an interview Prof. Blaschke gave on the subject of Hitler's teeth while still in American captivity in early 1948. Although on this occasion Prof. Blaschke expressed confidence that the Soviets really did have Hitler's jawbone, he made two remarks that only undermined this view. First, as we saw above, he stated that Heusemann had not been qualified to give a "positive identification".

Second, Prof. Blaschke challenged the Soviets to show him the jaw in question: "Why don't the Russians show this jaw to me? I only need one look and can definitely state this is or is not Hitler's jaw."⁶⁹ The only obvious answer to this question is that the Soviets knew that it was not really Hitler's.⁷⁰

Prof. Blaschke may even have been punished for these indiscretions. Towards the end of 1948, just as the Americans were about to release him, Prof. Blaschke was tried by a German "denazification" court and sentenced to a further three years in

prison.⁷¹ It looks suspiciously like he was being punished for more than just having been Hitler's dentist.

Prof. Blaschke was released from prison and practised dentistry in Nuremberg until he died in 1959. He never said anything further about Hitler's teeth. His silence on the subject seems almost inexplicable. Information derived from Prof. Blaschke is also conspicuously absent from *Hitler's Death*. If it was Prof. Blaschke's reconstruction of Hitler's jawbone that helped clinch the identification of the alleged Hitler remains, there can be no reason for omitting it from the *Hitler's Death* volume. In these circumstances it seems highly likely that Prof. Blaschke's evidence had only confirmed what the Soviets had already suspected—that they had been led down the garden path.

Finally, there is an obvious problem with the idea of thinking that Prof. Blaschke could be relied upon to tell the truth: if a dental hoax was perpetrated to mask Hitler's mysterious departure from history, as I allege, then Prof. Blaschke himself, who had been Hitler's dentist since 1932, would have been involved. He would have only needed to reproduce his own work in the mouth of someone who had been selected to die in Hitler's place to pull this off.

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However, the report based on the 1946 interview was never released and remains classified by the US Department of Defense even today.

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TIME LINES AND DISTORTIONAL EFFECTS

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In order to understand what time lines are, we need to revisit the *Apollo* missions, which began recovering geological samples from the Moon in 1969.

When the first lunar samples arrived at the Johnson Space Center, they were placed in quarantine while tests were conducted to determine if the lunar samples represented a hazard to the Earth's ecology.

Both plant and animal species were subjected to and/or injected with a solution of water containing finely pulverised Moon rock. In one particular test, both corn and bean seeds were watered with this Moon rock solution. The seeds germinated and the resulting plants grew at an accelerated rate—but they also developed genetic deformities and cancerous growths.

Initially I speculated that the lunar samples would effect accelerated growth in plants, but I had not considered the possibility of genetic deformities or cancerous growths developing. So this was a shocking revelation, to say the least.

Today, NASA denies the original test results and claims that none of the various plant and animal species subjected to or injected with the lunar solution suffered any ill effects whatsoever, but it does maintain that the lunar solution effected accelerated growth in plants.

However, these radical effects *did* occur and should have brought the space program to a grinding halt. We should have gone back to the drawing board in order to develop the science and technology necessary to access the environment of another planetary body safely and efficiently, but this did not happen. It was business as usual, and still is.

Einstein once said that time is different for every system in motion, and of course it is, but what exactly does this mean? Unfortunately, Einstein viewed the universe in terms of linear proportions, which in turn limited our view and our understanding of the universe as well as much of what he himself was attempting to convey.

Certainly we need linear proportions to build a house, but when it comes to the basic principles of the universe those same linear proportions get us into trouble with respect to our ambition to establish a manned base on the Moon or to colonise another planetary body.

The planets, moons and stars share a non-linear relationship which includes time lines, in that lunar time runs much faster than Earth time. So, the aspect of the Moon which presents itself to us is in fact lunar history or the lunar past existing in our Earth's present.

And in that time is different on the Moon, the Moon is dynamically out of sync with our terrestrial environment. The underlying dynamics affecting the form and function of lunar material are significantly out of step with the underlying dynamics affecting the form and function of Earthly material.

It should be noted that there is an energy differential existing between the Earth and the Moon in relation to the underlying energy affecting the form and function of physical structure. In this respect, lunar materials have a higher ratio of energy per unit of mass than our Earthly materials.

Consequently, the Moon has a distortional effect on the Earth and lunar materials have a distortional effect of the dynamics of terrestrial flora and fauna.

We seem to have the idea that the only thing separating us from the Moon is a certain linear distance, much like the distance between one city and another, measured in miles or kilometres, but this is hardly the case.

So why do we ignore time lines and behave as if they do not exist?

To start with, someone would have to explain why government agencies have been hiding critical information not only from the public but from NASA scientists and engineers as well—information critical to establishing a manned base on the Moon or colonising another planetary body.

At the present time, we are talking about a manned mission to Mars and considering the possibility of utilising Martian water to sustain the mission crew. But if Mars is out of sync with our Earth, so is Martian water out of sync with the biological chemistry of the mission crew. So the apparent or real purity of Martian water is not the problem or the issue: it is the underlying dynamics of the water which



would ultimately affect the health and safety of the mission crew.

It is an element of time, in relation to the concept of time lines, which represents a very real and serious problem.

If it were known that a manned mission to Mars was presently beyond our reach and the establishment of a manned base on the Moon was not feasible or even reasonable at this time, I don't doubt that funding for the space program might be significantly curtailed. And without radical advances in science and technology, NASA activities might eventually come to a grinding halt.

We require a whole new approach to the space program, starting with the basic scientific principles governing time and space, which means that we must start from square one and move forward as advances allow.

Time-line differentials

Time lines are not just a wild idea but a real and present obstacle to manned missions beyond the boundaries of our own planet.

Time lines correspond to energy differentials, in relation to an underlying force of energy affecting the form and function of all physical structure. This is not an easy concept to grasp, but it is essential to our astronauts if they are to survive the environmental impact of direct contact with and/or exposure to another planetary body.

Many assume that we know what energy is, but for the most part we are still unsure as to what it really is. We equate energy with a resistant force in that a factor of resistance limits the efficiency of any fuel-driven motorised system. And without an energetic force of resistance, we consider it impossible to maintain the flow of energy required to sustain our human industry.

If we are wrong about this and energy is not a resistant force but a dynamic, underlying, non-resistant force which is continually increasing, we might understand that the consumption of fuels in the forms of gases, liquids and solids provides us with no actual energy.

Every element of our physical world is governed by time lines—differentials in the underlying energy sustaining and perpetuating all physical matter. Without these time-line differentials, nothing would happen and there would be no physical matter.

The form and function of physical structure is determined on the basis of a dynamic differential in the underlying energy of the universe, in terms of Non-linear Time Field Frequency Acceleration (NTFFA). In this respect, NTFFA accelerates and decelerates in opposite directions simultaneously, which in effect allows time lines to exist.

We have managed to convince ourselves that the universe is linearly structured, whereby we might actually measure the proportions of the universe with a metre-ruler without ever considering the dynamic nature of the universe or the simultaneous relationship of time and space.

Are radio response delays between ground control and space due to the linear

the condition of the universe remaining relative to a single system of reference.

There is a unique and different condition of the universe associated with each and every system due to differentials in the time lines involved. And all conditions of the universe associated with the different systems exist simultaneously, but these different systems also exist in terms of either past or future conditions remaining relative to the system of reference.

What we have to understand is that the universe is not linearly structured or linearly driven. We cannot apply static terms of reference to a dynamic system, as such terms do not apply to the dynamic nature of the universe. Both time and space are continuously changing due to the dynamic nature of the underlying force sustaining and perpetuating the universe.

Time lines confine us to a specific condition of the universe, in relation to the unified field state of our planet Earth. This unified field state does not correspond to that of any other system, as each and every system corresponds to a non-absolute state and/or condition of the universe.

How this is applicable to our existing situation is quite simple: we must adjust our perception to fit the true nature of the universe, rather than hope that the universe will somehow correspond to our preconceived concepts.

Instantaneous communication

If we wish to establish a manned base on the Moon, we must formulate a method by which to access uniformly the time lines involved, whereby we might establish an avenue of access compatible to the existence of the mission crew.

This means that the successful establishment of a manned base on the Moon would not be accessible or even visible to those who remained behind on Earth, as there would be a well-defined time-line differential and/or gap existing between the lunar base and ground control here on Earth.

Therefore, new methods of communication must be developed—methods which allow for instantaneous communication across time lines. This, in itself, would allow for instantaneous communication to any point in time and space corresponding to past and/or future conditions of the universe.

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distance involved, or are they due to a difference in time itself? The answer to this question is extremely important if we are going to understand the true nature of time and space, as there is nothing static about the condition or the properties of the universe.

Each and every interaction between two or more systems involves time-line differentials in relation to a differential in the underlying energy of each system acting upon the dynamics of every other system. Such interactions can be viewed in terms of distortions, as the field of each system has a distortional effect on every other system; the greater the underlying energy of any specific system, the greater the distortional effect it exerts upon all other systems.

Every system of the universe corresponds to a condition of the universe remaining relative to it, as the system of reference determines the relationship of all systems remaining relative to it, but the relationship of all systems is not limited to

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Some refer to this as "gravitic communications". Gravity itself is instantaneous. There is no speed to gravity, which is why it is impossible to detect gravitons and/or gravity waves. Gravity is simply a condition of field as determined by the underlying force of energy sustaining and perpetuating the dynamics of any unified field system.

In order to understand the instantaneous nature of the universe and better understand time lines, we might reconsider the idea we have about light speed—that the linear motion of light can be measured using a one-metre rule and a clock. In this respect, it has been determined that the speed of light corresponds to the time it takes light to travel a distance of one metre, said to be exactly 1/299,792,458ths of a second.

We wrongly assume that each of the 299,792,458 portions of a second is of exactly the same linear duration, which means we are using static terms and assuming each portion of a second to be of an absolute value.

On the basis of this assessment, we wrongly define "c" as a universal constant, which in itself defines our perception of the universe. This allows us to measure the properties of the universe in terms of light-years, despite the fact that there are no light-years or even any linear years to count.

So, we make reference to millions and billions of years in relation to the age of our planet Earth and to millions and billions of light-years in relation to the size and age of the universe without considering the simultaneous nature of the universe.

Time lines do not correspond to linear durations of time, but correspond to simultaneous differentials in non-linear time field frequency acceleration (NTFFA). The past and future do not exist in terms of linear durations, but *do* exist in terms of a simultaneous condition of the universe, whereby time lines take on a purposeful meaning. Therefore, the concept of instantaneous transformation is not only a possibility but a fundamental aspect of the universe.

Time perception

It is important that we reconsider our existing perception of time, as our reference to something having occurred 10 or 20 years ago sets up a mental frame of reference whereby we think in terms of

linear durations without realising that there are no actual linear years to count.

This should be evident when we make reference to the age of the universe corresponding to billions of years and consider the possibility that we could take photographs of past conditions through the lens of a telescope. We think we can see into the past by looking away from the Earth, simply by equating distance with time.

Unfortunately, time does not correspond to a linear duration or a linear distance. Time itself is the primary cause affecting the condition of the universe. In this respect, time determines the simultaneous

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nature of the universe in terms of cause and effect. If time is different for every system in motion, it should appear evident that all systems must exist simultaneously in order that they might exist together within the bounds of a single unified field system. And as each system itself exists as a unified field system, all conditions of the universe must exist simultaneously in order that they might exist at all.

Therefore, our perception of the universe should correspond to a simultaneous condition of the universe, in that time accelerates symmetrically to the centre of the field and simultaneously decelerates

isometrically in an inversely proportional manner. This alone allows for the existence of space in relation to the condition of the universe remaining relative to the system of reference.

In this respect, each system is separated by a time-line differential and not by linear distance. Our attempt to apply linear proportions to the dimensions of space results in a flawed perception and/or concept of time and space. Although it may not appear obvious to everyone, this is the one thing stopping us from moving forward. We appear to be stuck in the linear mode.

Mass and energy

We tend to equate energy with mass without considering that the ratio of energy per unit of mass is not the same for all materials. We merely assume that more mass corresponds to more energy. In a very general sense this is true, but it is far from an accurate assessment concerning the ratio of energy per unit of mass.

In relation to an underlying force of energy, referred to as NTFFA, the smaller mass of a similar material has the higher ratio of energy per unit of mass. In terms of a single atomic structure, hydrogen has the highest ratio of energy per unit of mass of any known element. This suggests that hydrogen should be viewed as the most energetic material of the universe.

It is due to the high ratio of energy per unit of mass that hydrogen represents roughly 75 per cent of the universe's physical matter. The hydrogen time line runs much faster than that of any other element, whereby hydrogen is simply a very fast element. And because the universe is simultaneous in nature and hydrogen is highly accelerated, there is a higher proportion of hydrogen than of any other element. Hydrogen is simply the least resistant element of the universe.

Sun-Earth distortions

If we consider the time line of the Sun in relation to the time line of our Earth, we will find that the Sun, the centre of the solar field, has an extremely high ratio of energy per unit of mass focused to its core.

The time-line differential between the Earth and the Sun is immense and continuously increasing. This, in itself, provides the space existing between the Earth and the Sun.

As the time-line differential increases, so does the Earth's resistance to the solar field. The Sun is becoming less resistant to a further increase in energy much faster than the Earth is becoming less resistant to a further increase in energy.

A relative increase in resistance to the solar field will increase the Earth's mean temperature, in relation to the Sun remaining relative to the Earth.

If we consider that there is a simultaneous condition of the universe remaining relative to the Sun, we might realise that we are subject to an historical aspect of the solar mass in relation to the simultaneous condition of the universe remaining relative to the Earth.

From this we might get a better sense of a time-line differential and what it might mean to our future existence, as at the present time we seem ill-prepared for the consequences of the inevitable solar storms.

We must realise that we have been and are affecting our relationship with the Sun by creating distortional effects, which distort the uniformity of the Earth's field and in turn affect the Earth-Sun time-line differential.

There is nothing more radical we can do to distort the Earth's field than to detonate a nuclear device, as a nuclear detonation does not release any actual energy, in terms of NTFFA, but reduces the energy of the field through a process of distortion.

So not only are time lines important, but the stability of time lines is equally important, realising of course that all time-line differentials share a non-uniform relationship. And although all time-line differentials are dynamic, it is important that these dynamic differentials remain stable, which means that the changes must be smooth and not involve erratic jumps and jiggles.

We do not seem to understand that these distortional effects not only affect the structural dynamics of the Earth but also affect the underlying dynamics of the solar mass and the solar field. Why this is so misunderstood is due to the time-line differential factor, as time-line differentials hide these effects.

If we are affecting a future condition of the Sun, we will not know exactly what the reaction is going to be until we get there. Consequently it is very easy to dismiss the idea at the present time, but once we *do* get there we can *still* dismiss the idea simply because there is no direct linear link between the cause and the effect.

Non-linear terms of reference

Time lines and time-line differentials require that we view the universe and our relationship with the universe by employing non-linear terms of reference such as NTFFA, as NTFFA represents the available underlying energy affecting the form and function of all physical structure.

Therefore, each and every system of the universe has a different NTFFA value, which includes everything from the micro components of atomic structure to galactic systems. The NTFFA value corresponds to the underlying energy of a unified field system.

Time lines are a basic component of physical structure in relation to the non-linear

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relationship existing between all systems with respect to the condition of the universe remaining relative to the system of reference. Change the system of reference and you change the condition of the universe, as each system corresponds to a different condition of the universe in terms of its relative relationship with the universe.

Therefore we have what we refer to as a "multiverse", where the various conditions of the universe correspond to a seemingly infinite number of systems existing simultaneously in terms of past, present and future.

The strange thing about this is that it is impossible to distinguish past from future, as there is no absolute present moment by which to make such a distinction possible. The universe exists on the basis of a truly dynamic process.

Time itself involves a continuance of field in the form of an accelerating underlying force of energy where both past and future exist simultaneously in relation to the non-absolute nature of the present moment.

This gives us something a great deal less materialistic than our existing perception allows for. The physical structure of the universe is determined on the basis of non-linear time-line differentials in the form of unified field systems.

We have made every effort to avoid the inevitable consequences of a dynamic system by wrongly asserting the apparent stability of our solar system to remain unaltered for millions and/or billions of years. We have failed to consider the cyclical nature of the solar field. Whether it is out of fear or simply due to an indifference to the consequences of denial, we have chosen erroneously to reject time-line differentials and the basic dynamics of the universe. And without considering our denial to represent a strategic failure, we must also deny the possibility of our human survival.

If the quantum relationship of energy and mass is defined on the basis of time-line differentials, it would seem absurd if not insane to ignore the possibility of there being more than enough to sustain our human needs, not only in terms of our energy requirements but in terms of unlimited abundance as well.

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SOLVING THE PROBLEM OF THE COSMOLOGICAL CONSTANT

A theory called Exact Classical Mechanics (ECM) questions the validity of Einstein's general relativity and poses an alternative "i-ther" concept that is in line with quantum electrodynamics and Eastern philosophy.

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The Big Bang theory of the creation of the universe gained impetus in 1980 when Alan Guth introduced his idea of "inflation". Unfortunately, the creation it postulated could not be switched off. Consequently, the theory implied that the universe is expanding at a rate billions of billions of times greater than is remotely possible. This presented a problem, that of the "cosmological constant", which to this day remains an unsolved, vexed question as far as cosmologists are concerned. However, as described here, a solution was published in 1994 in Russia.

The Big Bang is said to have started from a "quantum fluctuation" from the void of zero energy (nothingness) that should have collapsed to nothing again after a brief instant. However, before this happened, inflation according to Guth's idea cut in, causing a fantastically rapid explosion during which all the energy we know about appeared from nothing and within a ball of only one-metre radius. From Einstein's $E = mc^2$ equation, energy (E) can transmute into the mass (m) of matter. The gas-like cloud continued to expand under its own inertia, with much of its energy condensing to form the universe of stars and planets that we observe, as described by Guth and Steinhardt (1989). Unfortunately, the theory was flawed from the start due to the problem of the cosmological constant. It also said that the expansion was forever slowing due to gravity.

Then, all cosmologists were astounded and dismayed by the results of observations of remote supernovae, published by B. Schwarzschild (1998), which conclusively showed that expansion is speeding up.

But this is not all that is wrong in both cosmology and physics.

New Scientist, in its 10 December 2005 issue, published an alarming report about the state of physics. It concerned the International Solvay Conference that had taken place in Brussels the previous week. Nobel laureate David Gross, in summing up, admitted that physicists were in a state of utter confusion and that some new approach was needed. Everything they were doing, like string theories and the search for quantum gravity, had failed, but nobody had any idea what to do next.

Now, top physicist Lee Smolin (2007) has recently published a book in which he says that his generation has failed to achieve anything worthwhile in over the last quarter of a century, despite greater numbers of physicists than ever before and unprecedented high levels of funding. The award of \$60,000 to Professor Cahill in 2005 to find an alternative to relativity and propose new experiments highlights that physicists are now recognising that Einstein's theories are unsatisfactory. But, as we shall soon see, the theory of Exact Classical Mechanics (ECM) has already provided a satisfactory alternative. Several physicists, including the Nobel laureate Brian Josephson, have attempted but failed to fault the logic.

I think I found the reason for this sad state of affairs way back, starting in 1984, when I discovered an alarming logical error concerning gravity and, later, four logical errors in Guth's inflation theory. Worse, every effort I made to point these out by writing to scientific journals only resulted in letters of rejection which showed that all assessors, except one, had received inadequate grounding in both mechanics and thermodynamics. The one exception was the famous physicist Professor J. Vigié of Paris. In his reply dated 2 August 1987, he admitted that the first critique was valid and said it needed publication. But even he was unable to get it into *Physics Letters A*, for which he was the consultant on gravitation.

When it becomes impossible for sound critiques to get past assessors or editors, then science is in danger of diversion onto false tracks. The evidence suggests that this has already happened. First, let me say that I stand in awe of physicists' brilliance in sophisticated

mathematics, applied to quantum field theory in particular. This theory explains the strange way in which the components of atoms work. The late, famous physicist Richard Feynman (1985) elucidated this quantum electrodynamics (QED) theory.

The final conclusion I reached, however, was that physicists have blind spots that could be readily addressed by people of my own discipline—the mathematically based but practical branch of physics known as mechanical engineering.

In 1987, I therefore set about trying to solve the problem of the cosmological constant. Its seriousness was highlighted two years later when Nobel laureate Steven Weinberg (1989) published an article which said that "[t]he cosmological constant represents a veritable crisis for physics".

It was clear that, to find a solution to the creation problem, it was necessary to introduce the idea of a background medium consisting of primary particles made of two opposite kinds of energy, positive and negative. These had to be equivalent to the *yin* and *yang* of Chinese philosophy. The two kinds form a background that I call "i-ther", and must consist of a balance of these two kinds of primary particle, the "primaries". Opposite kinds could cancel each other to leave the nothingness of the void—a representation of mutual annihilation. Creation would be the converse case, with nothing giving rise to opposite somethings. A basic law of physics known as the *conservation of energy* would be satisfied in this way, and yet the universe could arise spontaneously from nothing.

So, both pure creation and annihilation could now occur. But what would determine which case would apply in given circumstances? The answer was that another basic law of physics, the *conservation of momentum*, also had to be satisfied. What this means is explained in detail with reference to figure 3A1.

Analysis then showed, as explained with reference to figure 7.6, that when primaries of opposite energies collided only two at a time then momentum conservation forced energy gains to occur. Each primary particle gained energy of its own kind in balanced amounts so that, if added together, the sum was zero—the value of the void. Repeated collisions of many such primaries caused a violently explosive creation. Fortunately, the amorphous gas-like fluid so generated was unstable.

If a chosen direction is considered positive, then primaries moving that way are accredited with positive momentum. Identical primaries moving in the opposite direction have negative momentum. Hence, if large numbers arrived at a point or line from all possible directions, then their total momentum would be zero—even before collision. This is also the condition that would result if annihilation occurred.

So, primaries arriving from all directions yielded a condition favouring total annihilation; and since this is also the condition for minimum energy, then annihilation must occur. The whole rapidly growing cloud of primaries was now spontaneously self-organised into myriad flow cells, each cell being minute even compared with an atom. In these, collision breeding continued at an unabated rate. But now, primaries were driven to annihilation

centres in each cell where almost, but not quite, all the energy created was destroyed. A minute net creation remained, causing an ever-accelerating expansion of the universe. The greater the acceleration, the greater the i-theric density needed to produce that acceleration. This resulted in a smaller net rate of creation since, at some high densities, primaries became so crowded that annihilation dominated. So, a feedback mechanism existed to control the now slowly accelerating expansion.

A creation scenario had now appeared that provided a paradox-free solution to the problem of the cosmological constant and, at the same time, yielded the prediction of a universe in a state of ever-accelerating expansion, so matching observation. This was predicted in 1992, long before its observation in 1998.

ECM theory: an alternative to relativity

For those who need more detail, the new approach is based on revisions of Newtonian mechanics as described in the new book

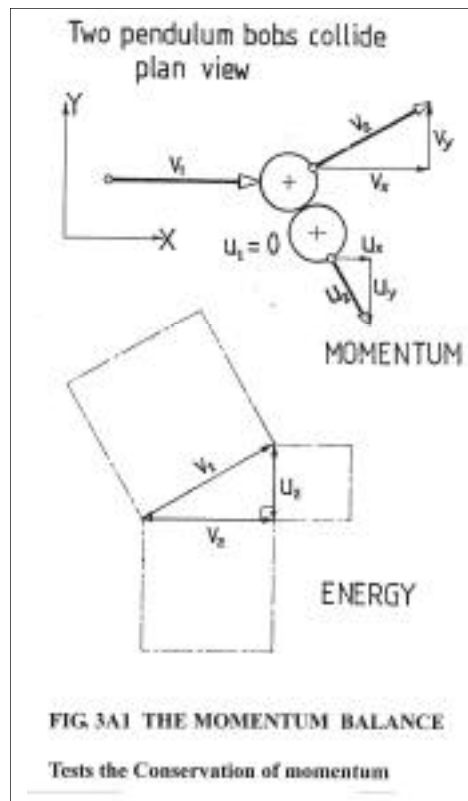
by Pearson (2007). Revision of Newton's original mechanics was required, since it is inadequate for representing objects moving at very high speeds or in strong gravitational fields. Einstein's general theory of relativity matched most observations under these circumstances, but unfortunately could not be applied to the creation problem because his postulates made his theory incompatible with the existence of any kind of background—and, of course, the i-ther is such a medium.

Consequently, a replacement had to be derived before the creation problem could be fully addressed. I started from scratch to produce a totally different mechanics that did not rely on any kind of relativity theory. It had to avoid internal contradiction and incompatibility with quantum theory. A solution was found by adopting Newton's three laws of motion and Euclidean geometry, with universal time and with all motion, inclusive of light in a vacuum, measured from an absolute datum, meaning local space.

The resulting ECM derivation fits all the experiments, usually considered Einstein's unique achievements even

though his "time dilation" does not exist (clocks simply run slow due to mass increase). Does this also provide a solution for the problem of quantum gravity? It certainly eliminates the difficulties that have prevented general relativity from providing this "holy grail" of the physicists after more than 60 years of futile worldwide effort.

Unfortunately, publication in Western journals was found to be impossible. All assessors made it clear that relativity must not be challenged. Fortunately, the famous inventor of the caesium-beam atomic clock, Dr Louis Essen, FRS, came to the rescue by proposing that I deputise for him at a forthcoming scientific conference in Russia where, he said, I would find scientists with more open minds. So the ECM theory was published in the *Proceedings* of the Petrovskaja Academy of Sciences and Arts (Pearson, 1991), following the presentation in St Petersburg. The solution for the cosmological constant is embedded in a paper resulting from the next conference in 1993 (Pearson, 1994).



Later, the reason for failure to surmount the barriers of peer review in the West came from the disillusioned Australian physicist Brian Martin (1997). In his book, he shows that the assessors of physics journals operate a "secret closed shop" which renders publication impossible in the West unless an author has a PhD in physics as a minimum qualification. The assessors refuse to recognise any contribution from the discipline of engineering.

Information source required

There is more to relate. Quantum physicists are now saying that matter needs a source of information to organise atoms, as much as it needs energy. But where is the source of that information? The evolving new theory suggests that the i-ther might have evolved a conscious intelligence. Analysis shows that annihilation centres are more than dots or lines: they are blobs or filaments occupying a surprisingly large proportion of the total volume of space. Primaries are constantly arriving at their surfaces, move in under their own inertia and mutually squeeze each other out of existence. A tangle of filaments connecting with blobs can arise, forming an infinite variety of shapes. Furthermore, enormous power is generated in each i-theric cell between creation and annihilation.

Such conditions match those that, according to Gribbin (2004), create spontaneous organisation by chaos. The i-theric structure can be arranged to look like replicas of the neural networks of our brains and might have arisen by a form of evolution from such self-organisation. So, background intelligence might exist that is able to organise energy to create what we see as matter.

This is not the first time that background intelligence has been inferred. Dr N. A. Kozyrev (<http://www.divinecosmos.com>), in uncovering his "torsion fields", shows he considers an intelligent "aether" must exist. However, he gives no detail of its structure and, according to the new approach, the aether or, alternatively, the "quantum vacuum" would exist as the next emergent level of existence. Pearson (1997) describes how consciousness could be connected with the solution to the problem of the cosmological constant (publication was achieved in a Western scientific journal simply by avoiding mention of qualifications altogether).

Black holes and accelerating growth

Another finding is that black holes described by ECM theory are very different from those of general relativity. Black holes no longer have "event horizons" inside which time goes backwards, nor do they house matter at impossible "singularities".

In ECM theory, primaries, not matter, exist as cores of finite size in a process of mutual annihilation at the centres of black holes. So they are now seen as supplementary annihilation centres. They help reduce the acceleration of the expanding universe.

However, if the acceleration were to cease altogether, the i-theric density would fall to zero and then everything would vanish back into the void from which it emerged. It is a frightening thought that the universe must exist in a state of accelerating growth forever—or disappear!

Details of momentum conservation

Figure 3A1 from the new book (Pearson, 2007) gives a plan view of a momentum balance. It consists of two pendulums of identical length and having spherical bobs. The fulcrums are arranged so that the balls just touch when hanging still. The threads holding the high-bounce balls (or two one-inch-diameter ball bearings) are preferably not less than about two metres long, and the horizontal distance of the swing is limited to a quarter of the length of the pendulums. Then the speed at impact is directly proportional to the horizontal distance of the swing to better than adequate accuracy. Every science classroom should have a momentum balance, since it confirms the law of conservation of momentum, shows what it means and gives the student a very hands-on understanding of the physical meaning of the terms "positive" and "negative".

In the example shown, a "driver" ball is set in motion to hit a stationary "driven" ball. The driver ball of mass m_a makes contact at velocity v_1 with the driven ball of mass m_b . Then both scatter with velocities v_2 and u_2 respectively. However, it is the "components" such as v_x of these scatter velocities which are of primary interest. The product of mass m and velocity v or u defines momentum. Velocity is speed with the direction of motion also defined. An arrow to a scale representing the magnitude mv or mu , with the arrowhead pointing in the direction of motion, can be used to represent momentum. In figure 3A1 (upper), v_x is the "component" of velocity v_2 measured in the X direction, and a component of momentum can also be represented by an arrow pointing in the X direction.

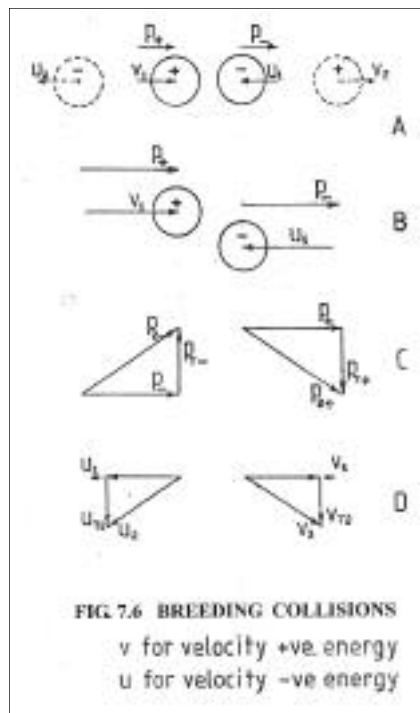
We consider the driver ball moving in direction X at first and calculate its momentum $m_a v_1$. Then we measure and add the two momentum components $m_a v_x$ and $m_b u_x$. In every experiment, whatever the masses m_a and m_b , which can be identical or different, it is found that the sum of these two scatter momenta is equal to $m_a v_1$, the initial momentum of the driver ball. This demonstrates what is meant by the conservation of momentum. In this example, the balls had equal mass, so, in this special

case, the arrows can represent velocity as well as momentum.

But the balls scattered in the Y direction as well. Although neither ball had any initial momentum in this direction, both leave with momentum in this Y direction. Has this violated momentum conservation? No. This is where the idea of positive and negative come in. The upward direction of Y is arbitrarily called the positive direction, so the opposite direction is called the negative direction. So one ball has a positive momentum component $m_a v_y$, with the other $-m_b u_y$. The experiment shows that these cancel to zero: the same as the initial total. So again, momentum is conserved.

Both balls can be in motion before impact; and even if the balls are made of plasticine and stick together, the law is still found to hold true. Also, this law can be derived by simple algebra from Newton's laws of motion and so the experiment also confirms these laws. It therefore also provides a useful example of the scientific method in which experiment is used to check theory.

Kinetic energy is proportional to the square of speed, and the lower figure (3A1), based on the theorem of Pythagoras, shows that if this is also conserved then a right-angled triangle is produced.



However, this is never quite achieved since some of the kinetic energy is always dissipated as friction and converted to useless heat.

What is also of great interest for solving the creation problem, however, is the reversal in direction of all momentum arrows in the upper figure, to represent primaries of negative mass. This means that these primaries are made of negative energy, and inspection shows that momentum is again conserved. It follows that our universe could be made of negative energy and we would never know this is so! Consequently, negative energy is just as probable as the positive kind and works as its mirror image. To solve the creation problem, it is necessary to consider the existence of both kinds at the ultimate level of reality and then find what happens when the two kinds interact by collision.

Collision breeding

The ECM theory shows that energy, not mass, is the true building substance of everything in existence, as shown by Pearson (2007). From Newton's second law, an unrestrained object, when pushed by a "force of action", moves in the direction that the force is pointing. A force, pushing an object free to move, causes it to accelerate. The moving force produces "mechanical work", a form of energy that is transferred to the object, causing it to gain the energy of motion. This "kinetic energy" adds to the "rest energy", from which the object was made when standing still, to yield a "sum energy", corresponding to "inertial mass". This means that mass increases with speed, in contrast to the assumption used in the original Newtonian mechanics.

Negative energy primaries accelerate in the opposite direction to the force of action so that the energy of mechanical work is negative. This negative energy adds to the negative rest energy from which the object is made, so that a mirror image of the positive kind appears. Two negative primaries in collision will bounce away, just as do billiard balls as illustrated in figure 3A1, so there is nothing strange about negative kinds. It is only when opposites interact that strange things are predicted.

Now that the law of conservation of momentum is understood, it can be applied to the collision breeding of opposites, as illustrated by figure 7.6 taken from the new book. At A, primaries of positive and negative energies meet head on. Since

the negative primary carries momentum p in a direction opposite to its motion, the momenta of both collision partners point in the same direction and so add up to $p_+ + p_-$. The only condition to maintain momentum conservation across the collision is for both to remain unchanged.

At B, the collision is offset so that scattering occurs. No change of momentum can occur in the X direction for the same reason as applied to case A, but now transverse momenta p_{T+} and p_{T-} are added in both positive and negative Y directions so that they cancel. However, as shown at C, these add to those in the X direction (vectorially, as illustrated) so that each has an increased momentum p_2 as compared with the incident value p . An increase in momentum

demands an increase in energy, and so each primary has been forced to gain energy of its own kind by the collision. Then, as shown at D, both are deflected in the same transverse direction. In this example, the masses were assumed to be equal and opposite. Then it is readily shown that the added momentum component has to be exactly transverse, as otherwise the two energy gains will not balance.

In general, collisions occur at all angles between 0 and 180 degrees, but a complete analysis taking this

into account shows that, on average, there is an energy gain from the two particle collisions of primaries of opposite energies equal to 20 per cent of initial kinetic energies.

Further detail can be obtained from my book *Creation Solved?*, published in April 2007. It is mainly descriptive but is a primer for a mathematical text to follow shortly (see the website <http://www.pearsonianspace.com>). For people not so mathematically inclined, I would like to end by drawing attention to the appendix. Most people think they will never understand maths since it looks too difficult—but appearances can be deceptive! I have therefore set out a simple derivation with every step fully explained. Please try to follow this slowly and carefully. Then I am sure you will see the light.

This derivation has also been selected to illustrate one of the simple blind spots which physicists and cosmologists seem so prone to having. That the universe is in a state of ever-accelerating expansion has been staring them in the face since 1929, and none of them, even today, seems to have noticed that this is so!

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THE MYSTERY OF THE OLMEC CIVILISATION

The Olmecs, who pre-dated the Maya, left behind artifacts featuring images of Africans, Orientals and Europeans, suggestive of wide-ranging contact between many cultures via transoceanic travel.

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We can trace the progress of man in Mexico without noting any definite Old World influence during this period (1000–650 BC) except a strong Negroid substratum connected with the Magicians (High Priests).

— Frederick Peterson, *Ancient Mexico* (1959)

The discovery of the Olmecs

The oldest and probably greatest mystery of early Mexico, and Central America in general, is that of the Olmecs. Academic archaeologists now often refer to the Olmecs as proto-Mayans or Olmans, meaning inhabitants of Olman, the "Olmec land" as it is now being called. When one looks at the enigmatic cave drawings and the gigantic, perfectly carved heads with their trademark "frown" and militaristic look, an emphatic question leaps to the forebrain: "Who were these weirdos?"

The strange world of the Olmecs is only now being pieced together. In their art, Olmecs are often dressed in leather helmets, have a broad face with thick lips and a broad nose, have a mean-looking expression and could easily be likened to a bunch of angry African Rugby players, maybe from Nigeria or Tanzania. While mainstream archaeologists assure us that Africans never colonised Mexico or Central America, the layperson looks at these statues and heads and wonders how academia can make such a blatantly wrong assertion, one that is startlingly unscientific at its very core. Even though it is sanctioned by the hallowed halls of academia to tell the masses of tourists and students alike that these were not Africans, one must conclude that these academics are blind or insane—or both!

What is fascinating about this enigmatic civilisation to us modern viewers is how the Olmecs represented themselves. In addition to some sculptures showing Negroid features, many artifacts depict individuals with Oriental or European features. It is therefore very interesting to pay close attention to how the figures are presented—their dress and head gear, the shape of their eyes, nose, ears and mouth, the way they held their hands and the expressions on their faces. It is all wonderful art at its finest. Their expressions, and also the symbolism in the objects they hold or are associated with, seem to indicate a high level of sophistication and a shared iconography. What does it all mean? Who were these people? Were they isolated villagers or strangers from a faraway land?

Until the 1930s, it was largely held that the oldest civilisation in the Americas was that of the Maya. The great quantity of Mayan monuments, stelae, pottery, statues and other artifacts discovered throughout the Yucatán Peninsula, Guatemala and the Gulf Coast of Mexico had convinced archaeologists that the Maya was the mother civilisation of Central America. But some "Mayan artifacts" were different from the main bulk of the artifacts in subtle ways. One difference was that some carvings of large heads have faces with more African-looking features than many of the other Mayan works. Mayan paintings and sculpture can be quite varied, but the African-looking features seemed distinctly un-Mayan. These African-looking heads often have a curious frown and wear masks or appear to be a half-jaguar/half-man beast. This recurring motif did not fit in with other Mayan finds.

In 1929, Marshall H. Saville, director of the Museum of the American Indian in New York, classified these works as being from an entirely new culture that was not of Mayan heritage. Somewhat inappropriately, he called this culture "Olmec" (a name first assigned to it in 1927), which means "rubber people" in Náhuatl, the language of the Mexica (Aztec) people. Most of the early anomalous artifacts were found in the Tabasco and Veracruz areas of southern Mexico, a swampy region now exploited for natural gas and

oil but in ancient times exploited for its rubber trees. Ancient Mesoamericans, spanning from the Olmecs to the Aztecs, extracted latex from *Castilla elastica* and mixed it with the juice of a local vine, *Ipomoea alba*, to create rubber as early as 1600 BC (and possibly earlier). At the much later time of Aztec dominance, "Olmec" was the Aztec name for the people who lived in this area.

The Olmecs are now credited with creating the ball game—as well as the rubber balls that were used—that played such a significant role in all Mesoamerican civilisations. Indeed, this game may be even older than the Olmecs. Ball courts and the Olmec–Mayan ball game were popular even as far north as Arizona and Utah and as far south as Costa Rica and Panama.

According to the famous Mexican archaeologist Ignacio Bernal, Olmec-type art was first studied as early as 1869 but, as noted above, the term "Olmec" was first used in 1927. Naturally, a number of prominent archaeologists—including Eric Thompson, who helped decipher the Mayan calendar—refused to believe that this new Olmec culture could be dated as earlier than the Maya. Not until a special meeting in Mexico City in 1942 was the matter largely settled that the Olmecs pre-dated the Maya, but the date for the beginning of the Olmec culture was to remain a matter of great debate.

The discovery of the Olmecs cast doubt on many old assumptions about the prehistory of the Americas. Suddenly, here was a diverse-looking people who built monumental sculptures with amazing skill, were the "inventors" of the number and writing system as well as the ball/game used by the Maya, and even knew about the wheel (as evidenced by their wheeled toys).

Transoceanic colonisers?

Bernal continued to study the Olmecs and came out with the only significant work on the subject, *The Olmec World* (1969). He discusses the curious finds attributed to the Olmecs all over southern Mexico and Central America and as far south as the site of Guanacaste in Nicaragua. However, he could not figure out the origin of these strange and distinctive people whose art featured bearded men, Negroid heads and indecipherable hieroglyphs. Bernal thought that even such famous Mayan sites as Uaxactun and El Mirador had been previously occupied by the Olmecs.

Still, orthodox archaeologists such as the well-known British writer and archaeologist Nigel Davies maintain that the Olmecs could not have been the result of any transatlantic or transpacific contact. Davies essentially says that the Olmecs may have originated at Monte Albán in the Oaxaca highlands, at Oxtotitlán or Juxtlahuaca near Acapulco on the Pacific coast, or most likely at Tres Zapotes and La Venta in the swamps along the Gulf of Mexico. All of these areas have known Olmec sites.

The idea that the strange Olmec Negroid heads might have been the result of early African exploration seems totally alien to the historians and archaeologists who have taken over the archaeology of the Americas. Despite depictions in Olmec art of various lords, kings, travellers, magicians and whatnot that look like Africans, Chinese, bearded Europeans or some other strangers, most professors teaching at our major universities maintain that these are not evidence of ancient pre-Columbian explorers. They admit, though, that people might erroneously get this idea from a

"superficial" view of these various statues and carvings.

Archaeologists are thus confronted with a major problem that they prefer not to deal with. They claim that the Negroid heads are not African (or Oriental as many appear), but they admit that these giant stone heads and other statues do, indeed, appear to be depictions of Africans. Why would that be the case? How is it that American Indians look like Africans? Other civilisations, such as the Maya, generally *do* look like American Indians, as we would expect. Mainstream archaeologists are forced to invent an explanation for this obvious puzzle, no matter how feeble an explanation it may be.

So, even to mainstream historians, the origin of the Olmecs is a mystery. In the realm of alternative history, there are many theories on how the Olmec peoples arrived in Central America, apart from walking across the Siberian land bridge in remote prehistory. One theory is that the Negroid population was connected with the civilisation of Atlantis; as part of its warrior class, they were tough and hard bitten. Or perhaps they were part of an Egyptian colony in Central America, or from some unknown African empire. Others have suggested that some Olmecs came across the Pacific from the lost continent of Mu or as Shang Chinese mercenaries. Lending credence to these ideas is the curious portrayal of "magicians" (or shamanic sorcerers) using magic mushrooms and other psychedelics in many of the Olmec

statues. Were they magicians from Africa, China or even Atlantis?

It is not known what name the ancient Olmecs used for themselves. Some later Mesoamerican accounts seem to refer to the ancient Olmec peoples as "Tamoanchan". The classic period for the Olmecs is generally considered to be from 1200 BC, ending around 400 BC. Early, formative Olmec artifacts are said to go back to 1500 BC and probably earlier.

No one really knows where the Olmecs came from, but the two

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predominant theories are:

1. They were Native Americans, derived from the same Siberian stock as most other Native Americans, and just happened to accentuate the Negroid genetic material latent in their genes.
2. They were outsiders who immigrated to the Olman area via boat, most likely as sailors or passengers on transoceanic voyages that went on for probably hundreds of years.

At the centre of the debate about the origin of the Olmecs is the classic struggle between isolationists (who think that ancient man was incapable of transoceanic voyages, and therefore nearly every ancient culture developed on its own) and diffusionists (who think that ancient man was able to span the oceans, which explains similarities in widely disparate cultures).

There are a few proponents of diffusionism at the traditional academic level. Ivan van Sertima of Rutgers University in New Jersey actively promotes the diffusionist theory that ancient man crossed both the Atlantic and the Pacific in prolonged transoceanic contact. His books, including the co-edited *African Presence in Early Asia* (1985) and *African Presence in Early America* (1987), are filled with articles and photos that show without a doubt that Negroes have lived literally all over the world, including in the ancient Americas, and developed many advanced civilisations. However, he does not bring in such unorthodox theories concerning Atlantis or a lost continent in the Pacific.

Unfortunately, most of the writers in the academic field prefer to champion the isolationist theories to the virtual exclusion of the diffusionist. In *The Olmecs: America's First Civilisation* (2004), Richard A. Diehl has only one paragraph on the subject:

"The origins of Olmec culture have intrigued scholars and laypeople alike since Tres Zapotes Colossal Head I, a gigantic stone human head with vaguely Negroid features, was discovered in Veracruz 140 years ago. Since that time, Olmec culture and art have been attributed to seafaring Africans, Egyptians, Nubians, Phoenicians, Atlanteans, Japanese, Chinese, and other ancient wanderers. As often happens, the truth is infinitely more logical, if less romantic: the Olmecs were Native Americans who created a unique culture in southeastern Mexico's Isthmus of Tehuantepec.

Archaeologists now trace Olmec origins back to pre-Olmec cultures in the region and there is no credible evidence for major intrusions from the outside. Furthermore, not a single *bona fide* artifact of Old World origin has ever appeared in an Olmec archaeological site, or for that matter anywhere else in Mesoamerica."

With this paragraph, Diehl summarily dismisses all theories and evidence of transoceanic contact. We don't really know what a *bona fide* artifact would be, since Old World and New World artifacts were often identical. Also, we are given no further information on the pre-Olmec cultures from which the Olmecs presumably derived.

But for the Olmecs actually to be Africans—not just look like them—they would almost certainly have come to the Isthmus of Tehuantepec via ship. But since such voyages are dismissed immediately with no further discussion, the Olmecs simply had to have been local boys who had pretty much always been there. At some time in remote prehistory, their early genetic group walked into this Olmec heartland area.

According to Diehl, the Olmecs would have been an isolated group within their region as well, having little contact with other tribes in the Isthmus of Tehuantepec. However, if the Olmecs were isolated from neighbours only a few hours' walk away, they certainly wouldn't have had contact with people across an ocean, would they? Diehl's view is largely accepted in many universities today, but would almost certainly seem to be wrong.

The Olmec settlements, according to Diehl, rose up independently in their corner of Mesoamerica without the influence of any other culture. They all suddenly began making monumental statues out of basalt (one of the hardest and most difficult stones to carve) and made large structures with sophisticated drainage systems. But they weren't really in contact with their early neighbours, he believes. The spread of Olmec-like artifacts was achieved only later when Olmec "styles" were used by other, more widespread, cultures.

Diehl was actually proved wrong on this account when, in January 2007, it was announced that a 2,500-year-old Olmec-influenced city had been found at Zazacatla, in the vicinity of Chalcatzingo and Cuernavaca, hundreds of miles from Olmec

Gulf Coast territory. Did the Olmecs have an extended influence in northern Mexico? Did they have some hand in building the mysterious pyramids at Teotihuacán?

Archaeologists have now concluded that the Olmecs inhabited a very large area of southern Mexico, much greater than had ever been imagined. This discovery is not really surprising, since the Olmec city of Chalcatzingo near Mexico City was excavated and written about in the 1970s.

So, the preponderance of the evidence shows that the Olmecs were very aware of the villages near to them, and aware of cities and peoples quite far from them. Were they aware of transoceanic civilisations as well?



An Olmec statue at the National Museum of Anthropology, Mexico City, Mexico.

A shamanic culture

The Olmecs had many unusual similarities with the Maya and other transoceanic cultures, such as reverence for jade and exotic feathers, the use of hallucinogenic mushrooms and other psychedelic drugs and the use of hieroglyphs on stone stelae as markers. Says Diehl of the artifacts found at the Olmec burial site at Tlatilco:

"One high-status woman was laid to rest with 15 pots, 20 clay figurines, 2 pieces of red-painted bright-green jadeite that may have formed part of a bracelet, a crystalline hematite plaque, a bone fragment with traces of al fresco paint, and miscellaneous stones. Another burial held the remains of a male whose skull had been deliberately modified in infancy and whose teeth were trimmed into geometric patterns as an adult. He may have been a shaman since all the objects placed with him were likely part of a shaman's power

bundle.

They included small *metates* for grinding hallucinogenic mushrooms, clay effigies of mushrooms, quartz, graphite, pitch, and other exotic materials that could have been used in curing rituals. A magnificent ceramic bottle placed in his grave depicted a contortionist or acrobat who rests on his stomach with his hands supporting his chin while his legs bend completely around so that his feet touch the top of his head. Could this masterpiece be an effigy of the actual occupant of the grave?"

Indeed, Diehl almost gets excited about the Olmecs. Could they actually have been psychedelic jaguar shamans who liked to make monumental heads to keep themselves busy?

While it is easy to see the Olmecs as proto-Mayans and citizens of Olman (however large that country may have been), we should also consider them as the fantastic proto-Mesoamericans they may have been: psychedelic aliens who used lasers to cut colossal basalt heads; as Atlantean refugees who made a last stand in Tabasco; or as Shang Chinese mercenaries taken from East Africa or Melanesia and specially trained to administer the Pacific (and later Atlantic) ports of the Isthmus of Tehuantepec; or perhaps as a people originally from the Atlantic side all along, having come from Africa possibly as a military force from Egypt or West Africa circa 1500 BC. There are many possibilities.

The land of Olman

The Olmecs are said to have occupied "the land of Olman", a designation that the Aztecs used to describe the jungle areas of the nearby coast. The Olmec heartland is thought to have been an area of the Gulf of Mexico on the coastal plain of southern Veracruz and Tabasco states—an area that boasts the greatest number of Olmec sites and monuments. It is considered to be the most northerly area of the Mayan realms, with such sites as Comacalco being among the northernmost Mayan settlements along the Gulf Coast of the Isthmus of Tehuantepec.

This Olmec heartland area is about 125 miles (201.2 kilometres) long and 50 miles (80.5 km) wide, with the Coatzacoalcos river system running through the middle. It is characterised by swampy lowlands punctuated by low hill ridges and volcanoes. The Tuxtla Mountains rise sharply to the north, along the Bay of Campeche. Here the Olmecs constructed permanent city-temple complexes at several locations: San Lorenzo Tenochtitlán (usually referred to as just San Lorenzo), Laguna de los Cerros, Tres Zapotes, La Mojarra and La Venta.

The Olmecs also had great influence beyond the heartland, as Olmec goods have been found from Chalcatzingo, far to the west in the highlands of Mexico, to Izapa, on the Pacific coast near what is now Guatemala. In fact, they have been found throughout Mesoamerica, including south along the Pacific coast of Guatemala and El Salvador and as far away as Costa Rica and even Panama.

Over 170 Olmec monuments have been found within the heartland area, with 80 per cent of those occurring at the three largest Olmec centres—La Venta in Tabasco State plus San Lorenzo and Laguna de los Cerros, both in Veracruz State. These three major centres are spaced from east to west across the domain so that each could exploit the distinct set of natural resources of each area. La

Venta is near the rich estuaries of the coast and could have provided cacao, rubber and salt. San Lorenzo, at the centre of the Olmec domain, controlled the vast flood plain area of the Coatzacoalcos basin and riverline trade routes, while the westernmost Laguna de los Cerros, adjacent to the Tuxtla Mountains, is near the important basalt quarries used in the manufacture of *metates* (corn grinders) and the megalithic statues, prismatic logs and monuments.

The Olmec heartland is part of the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, the narrowest land area in Mexico, between the Gulf of Mexico and the Pacific Ocean. It would have been extremely important if an ocean-to-ocean trade route had been established. Diffusionists (who advocate transoceanic contact between the Americas and Europe, Africa, Asia and the Pacific Islands) maintain that important ports were used by ancient seafarers, and an overland trade link between the Pacific and Atlantic ports would have been

highly desirable—just as European engineers decided they needed a canal across a narrow area of Central America 200 years ago.

Olmec art and architecture

Stone monuments and engravings attributed to the Olmecs have been found in lower Central America, central Mexico and the Gulf Coast. Ignacio Bernal has this to say in *The Olmec World*:

"...In the central depression and, generally speaking, in the entire state of Chiapas, Olmec remains or others related to it appear constantly, though—as in other regions of Central America—they do not constitute the basis or majority of archaeological finds. We are dealing with a culture related to the Olmec, though with its own peculiar features.

"Black ceramics with white rims or spots appear quite frequently. At other sites such as San Agustín and on the Pacific coast of Chiapas the same ware has been found in scientific explorations. At

Santa Cruz it is clearly associated with other types belonging to the Olmec complex. At Mirador abundant Olmec figurines have been unearthed.

"Even more obviously Olmec is the stela of Padre Piedra, which bears a representation of a standing personage; another man seems to be kneeling in front of him. It stands seven feet tall in its present state and originally was even larger. It can be of only local fabrication. This stela may have been associated with ceramics corresponding to Periods I and II of Chiapa de Corzo, which are Olmecoid. Another low relief on a rock near Batehaton is also markedly Olmec in style, and other Olmec objects are to be found at numerous sites such as Simojovel and Ocozocauhtla."

What Bernal is trying to establish here is that Olmecs were not just on the Atlantic coast but also on the Pacific coast of Chiapas. He also says that the Pacific sites may be older than the Atlantic

"heartland" sites and that some Mayan sites in the area, such as Izapa, were originally Olmec.

One of the most famous statues in the National Museum of Costa Rica in San José is an Olmec hunchback figure with an elongated cranium and Oriental-type Olmec eyes. Costa Rica is also the site of the perfectly formed granite balls that defy explanation. Were they made by the Olmecs in a similar manner as the colossal heads?

Given that sites like Tonalá and Izapa were early Olmec sites that were later occupied by the Maya, other sites such as Monte Albán, further north towards the Valley of Mexico, can be assumed to have been first inhabited by the Olmecs and then by later cultures.

In the 1940s, once they had been established as the oldest culture in Mesoamerica, the Olmecs by default were regarded as the founders of many of the ancient cities. Essentially, if it could



An Olmec statue at the Museum of Anthropology, Xalapa, Mexico.

be proved that Olmec iconography was being used at an archaeological site, then it must have been the Olmecs who founded that city, since the Olmecs were the oldest culture. While there may well have been earlier cultures than the Olmecs in Mesoamerica, none has been specifically identified by archaeologists (at least that I am aware of).

Since the oldest Mayan sites such as Uaxactun in the Petén jungles north of Tikal are thought to have been first built by the Olmecs, it is possible that other older Mayan sites—such as Copán, El Mirador and Piedras Negras—were also founded by the Olmecs.

The important Chalcatzingo archaeological site is located at the base of Cerro de la Canterera, a twin-peaked outcropping in the southeastern part of Morelos, just south of Mexico City. Carvings found at the site depict mythical and religious themes associated with agriculture and fertility. The stone engravings and sculptures at this site became the focus of interest in 1934 during studies by archaeologist Eulalia Guzmán. The area holds remnants of various cultures from 3000 BC to the present day, which indicate the presence of outsiders to the region, including a strong Olmec influence thought to have reached its peak between 700 BC and 500 AD.

Archaeologists have theorised that Chalcatzingo was an outpost of the Olmec heartland, established to facilitate trading. Olmec traders brought ceramics, agricultural goods and raw materials from other Olmec areas and Chalcatzingo became a trade centre in the region. The site includes low reliefs and sculptures such as "the King" and "the Flying Man", a mural of fertility, a procession, "the Puma" and "the Queen" as well as structures such as the "Tlahuica altar", the "Olmec altar" and a ball court. Many examples of the art and features of the site were published in David C. Grove's 1984 book *Chalcatzingo: Excavations on the Olmec Frontier*.

One of the greatest and most famous of the Olmec sites, La Venta, is typically dated to have been active between 1200 BC and 400 BC, which places the major development of the city in the so-called Middle Formative Period. Located 18 miles (29 km) inland on an island in a coastal swamp overlooking the then-flowing Río Palma, La Venta would have controlled a region between the Mezcalapa and Coatzacoalcos rivers. The main part of the site is a complex of clay constructions stretched out for 12 miles (19.3 km) in a north-south direction, although the site is 8° west of true north. Many of the site's fabulous monuments are now on display in the archaeological museum and park in the city of Villahermosa, Tabasco, the oil capital of Mexico. La Venta and nearby San Lorenzo, close to the Tuxtla Mountains, were the source of many of the colossal heads that the Olmecs are so famous for.

Marking the southern end of La Venta's ceremonial precinct is an enormous pyramidal mound. Standing at the base is Stela 25/26, which depicts a bundled zoomorphic creature with foliage at the top that is thought to represent a "world tree" or *axis mundi*. The northern end of Complex A is mainly an enclosed courtyard with a massive underground serpentine deposit, thought to represent the primordial waters of creation.

Buried beneath the enclosed courtyard was Offering 4, a now famous funeral offering that is an arrangement of six jade celts (adzes) and 15 jade figures of Olmecs with elongated craniums and Oriental-looking eyes. A single figure that faces the others is

carved from granite. The figures stand together amongst the upright jade celts that apparently represent in miniature the tall granite stelae that were commonly used by the Olmecs and Maya (as well as Egyptians, Hindus and other cultures). This exquisite arrangement can now be seen at the National Museum of Anthropology in Mexico City and is one of the most famous displays in the Olmec section.

Also found at La Venta is the famous Altar 4, which probably functioned as a throne. This massive piece of carved basalt, weighing tons, depicts a ruler wearing a bird headdress and seated within a niche. He holds onto a rope that stretches around to the sides of the altar. On the side of the altar that has not been defaced is a seated individual whose hands are bound by the rope, seemingly as a captive. Another suggestion is that it perhaps represents ancestral lineage. Above the seated ruler on the front of the altar is the enormous open maw of a feline creature. This gaping jaguar mouth appears to be metaphorically related to the open portal from which the ruler is emerging.

While La Venta is thought to have been the "capital" or most important city of the Olmecs, this may not actually have been the case. We know so little about the Olmecs that it is impossible to say for sure how important La Venta was or whether there were not more important cities and ceremonial sites for the Olmecs. For instance, some Olmec sites could be underwater in the Gulf of Mexico or still buried in the swamps of Tabasco and Veracruz.

Or major Olmec sites could have been located in the interior of Mexico, as is the case with Chalcatzingo or the recently discovered Zazacatla site nearby. These sites are quite a distance from the so-called Olmec heartland and suggest that the Olmec lands—Olman—were quite extensive.

The mystery remains

The more we find out about the Olmecs, the deeper the mystery surrounding them becomes. We find that the Olmecs seem to include nearly every racial type in the world.

How is this possible? The Olmecs are credited with everything from inventing the wheel, the ballgame and hieroglyphic writing, and it is now known that they controlled most of southern Mexico from shore to shore.

From a diffusionist point of view, the land of Olman may well have been the "centre of the world", as the Isthmus of Tehuantepec would indeed have been the centre of the world if there had been a strong transoceanic trade across both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. If such trade and movement of ships did occur, the land of the Olmecs might well have been a cosmopolitical centre where worldwide cultures intermingled. It is hoped that upcoming discoveries will lead us to a better understanding of the Olmecs and their origin.

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HAVE AMERICAN ASTRONAUTS WITNESSED UFOs?

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If alien craft truly exist, wouldn't the American astronauts have seen and reported such? Thus goes the usual argument by those who would never place faith in UFO sightings or metaphysical experiences. Such science acolytes see high-tech hardware and rocket jets as the only viable means of exploring space. They view our astronauts as men and women operating strictly within the confines of conventional science and engineering. They place unlimited faith in NASA's ability to study the universe by spending taxpayer money solely on traditional technology.

So, where does this leave the astronauts? Have America's spacefarers confronted the unknown in space? The answer is a resounding "yes". The problem is that the mass media usually fail to distribute any such experiences widely. And, as a whole, US astronauts appear to have maintained a united front, stoutly denying that any valid UFO encounters have taken place.

Following a news conference in March 1996 devoted to artifacts in space, particularly the famous "face on Mars", *Apollo* astronaut Alan Bean told the media: "It's not true. No one, certainly not me and

Pete Conrad, who I was with the whole time, saw anything that suggested ancient civilisations." NASA spokesman Brian Welch added: "Everything we found, we made public."

Despite these assurances, many researchers remain unconvinced. Rumours have persisted for years that the astronauts—nearly all of whom were military officers susceptible to being silenced under orders—may have seen something more on the Moon than rocks and dust. According to transcripts of the technical debriefing following the *Apollo 11* mission, astronauts Neil Armstrong, Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin and Michael Collins told of an encounter with a large cylindrical UFO even before reaching the Moon.

Aldrin said: "The first unusual thing that we saw, I guess, was one day out or pretty close to the Moon. It had a sizable dimension to it..." He said the *Apollo* crew at first thought the object was the *Saturn 4* booster rocket (S-IVB), but he added: "We called the ground and were told the S-IVB was 6,000 miles away."

Aldrin described the UFO as a cylinder, while Armstrong said it was "...really two rings. Two connected rings". Collins also said it appeared to be tumbling. He added: "It was a hollow cylinder. But then you could change the focus on the sextant and it would be replaced by this open-book

shape. It was really weird."

Even more strange was the experience of Aldrin and Armstrong after they reached the Moon. According to an Associated Press story of 20 July 1969 (my file copy is from the San Bernardino *Sun-Telegram*), the astronauts sighted eerie lights inside a crater near the point on the Moon where their lunar lander was due to touch down the next day.

On their first sweep around the Moon, Armstrong described a mysterious bright light on the inner wall of the crater Aristarchus, located north of their flight path. "It seems to have a slight amount of fluorescence to it. The area in the crater is quite bright," he reported. "That area is definitely brighter than anything else I can see. There doesn't appear to be any colour involved in it... It looks like an eerie sight," confirmed Aldrin.

Two astronauts who appear to have broken ranks are Dr Edgar Mitchell and Gordon Cooper.

On an *Oprah Winfrey Show* on 19 July 1991, Dr Mitchell hinted that all information regarding UFOs has not been released, saying: "I do believe that there is a lot more known about extraterrestrial investigation than is available to the public right now (and) has been for a long time... It's a long, long story. It goes back to World War II when all of that happened,

CONVERSATIONS FROM APOLLO MOON MISSIONS PROVE NASA UFO COVER-UP

The following are excerpts of actual conversations between Mission Control and *Apollo* astronauts on and/or above the Moon.

APOLLO 11: 16–24 July 1969. With Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins and Edwin Aldrin, this was the first *Apollo* mission to land on the Moon, on 20 July.

While Collins flew in orbit around the Moon in the command module, Armstrong and Aldrin descended in the lunar module, landing in the Sea of Tranquillity at 4.17 pm.

During the transmission of the landing, two minutes of silence occurred in which the image and sound were interrupted. NASA insisted that this problem was the result of one of the television cameras overheating, thus interfering with the reception.

This unexpected problem surprised even the most qualified of viewers, who were unable to explain how, in such a costly project, one of the most essential elements could break down.

Some time after the historic Moon landing, Christopher Craft, director of the base in Houston, made some surprising comments when he left NASA.

The content of these comments, included in the transcript of conversations below, has been corroborated by hundreds of amateur radio operators who had connected their

and is highly classified stuff."

On NBC *Dateline* in 1996, Mitchell was even more candid. "I have no first-hand experience, but I have had the opportunity to meet with people from three countries who in the course of their official duties claim to have had personal first-hand encounter experiences...with extraterrestrials," he said.

More recently, Mitchell flatly stated that some advanced military craft use technology derived from alien spacecraft that have been collected by the US government.

Cooper, in a letter read during a 1978 meeting at the United Nations to discuss UFOs, stated: "I believe that these extraterrestrial vehicles and their crews are visiting this planet from other planets, which are obviously a little more advanced than we are here on Earth."

Also that year, Cooper wrote a letter to the ambassador of the Mission of Grenada to the United Nations, supporting a UN initiative to study UFOs. In his letter, Cooper stated that astronauts "are very reluctant to even discuss UFOs due to the great numbers of people who have indiscriminately sold fake stories and forged documents abusing their names and reputations without hesitation".

"Those few astronauts who have continued to participate in the UFO field have had to do so very cautiously," he wrote. "There are several of us who do believe in UFOs and who have had occasion to see a UFO on the ground, or from an airplane."

Cooper's mention of a "UFO on the ground" apparently was a reference to his own experience at Edwards Air Force Base on 2 May 1957. In 1993, Cooper gave this account of the incident [to hear audio, go to <http://www.thewhyfiles.net/pilotsightings2.htm>]: "I had a crew that was filming an installation of a precision landing system we were installing out on the dry lake bed, and they were there with stills and movies and filmed the whole installation and they came running in to tell me that this UFO, a little saucer, had come down right over them, put down three gear[s], and landed about 50 yards from them; and as they proceeded to go on over to get a closer shot of it, it lifted up, put the gear in, and disappeared in a rapid rate of speed. And so I had to follow my directions as a military... I had to look up the regulations on who I was to call to report this, which I did, and they ordered me to immediately have the film developed, put

it in a pouch, and send them [*sic*] by the commanding general's plane to Washington, which I did. And that was the last I've ever heard of the film."

It is interesting to note that, despite the continued protests that there is no government secrecy regarding UFOs, there is no public report on this incident. Although the event was listed in the Project *Blue Book* index, a full report and clear photos are suspiciously absent. Yet Cooper, who reported the UFO landing, was selected as a *Mercury* astronaut only two years later.

In a 1996 interview, Cooper said he discounts any conventional explanation for his experience. Asked his thoughts on UFOs, the astronaut said: "Well, I figured it was somebody coming from some distant place to visit us."

So, at least some of America's astronauts have had unexplained experiences and have voiced views radically different from conventional thinking.

(Source: <http://www.ufoevidence.org/documents/doc501.htm>)

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stations to the same frequency through which the astronauts transmitted, thus bypassing NASA's broadcasting outlets.

During the two-minute interruption, which was not as it seemed, NASA, Armstrong and Aldrin with Cape Kennedy censored both image and sound. "I say that there were other spaceships," Craft commented.

Armstrong & Aldrin: Those are giant things. No, no, no—this is not an optical illusion. No one is going to believe this!

Houston (Christopher Craft): What... what...what? What the hell is happening? What's wrong with you?

Armstrong & Aldrin: They're here under the surface.

Houston: What's there? [muffled noise] Emission interrupted; interference; Control calling *Apollo 11*.

Armstrong & Aldrin: We saw some visitors. They were here for a while, observing the instruments.

Houston: Repeat your last information!

Armstrong & Aldrin: I say that there were other spaceships. They're lined up in the other side of the crater!

Houston: Repeat, repeat!

Armstrong & Aldrin: Let us sound this orbiter...in 625 to 5... Automatic relay connected... My hands are shaking so badly I can't do anything. Film it? God, if these damned cameras have picked up anything—what then?

Houston: Have you picked up anything?

Armstrong & Aldrin: I didn't have any film at hand. Three shots of the saucers or whatever they were that were ruining the film.

Houston: Control, Control here. Are you on your way? What is the uproar with the UFOs over?

Armstrong & Aldrin: They've landed here. There they are and they're watching us.

Houston: The mirrors, the mirrors—have you set them up?

Armstrong & Aldrin: Yes, they're in the right place. But whoever made those spaceships surely can come tomorrow and remove them. Over and out.

(Source: *Celestial Raise* by Richard Watson and ASSK [PO Box 35, Mt Shasta CA 96067, USA, tel +1 (916) 926 2316], 1987, pp. 147-48)

APOLLO 15: 26 July–7 August 1971; David Scott and Alfred Worden land on the Apennine Mountains on 30 July:

Capcom: You talked about something mysterious...

Orion: OK, Gordy, when we pitched around, I'd like to tell you about something we saw around the LM [LEM or Lunar Excursion Module]. When we were coming about 30 or 40 feet out, there were a lot of objects—white things—flying by. It looked as if they were being propelled or ejected, but I'm not convinced of that.

Capcom: We copy that, Charlie.

APOLLO 16: 16–27 April 1972; Charles Duke and John Young land on the Descartes highlands on 21 April:

Duke: We felt it under our feet. It's a soft spot. Firmer. Where we stand, I tell you one thing. If this place had air, it'd sure be beautiful. It's beautiful with or without air. The scenery up on top of Stone Mountain, you'd have to be there to see this to believe it—those domes are incredible!

Mission Control: OK, could you take a look at that smoky area there and see what you can see on the face?

Duke: Beyond the domes, the structure goes almost into the ravine that I described and one goes to the top. In the northeast wall of the ravine you can't see the delineation. To the northeast there are tunnels; to the north they are dipping east to about 30 degrees.

APOLLO 17: 7–19 December 1972; Ronald Evans stays in lunar orbit, while Eugene Cernan and Harrison Schmitt land in the Taurus–Littrow Valley on 11 December:

Mission Control: Go ahead, Ron.

Evans: OK, Robert, I guess the big thing I want to report from the back side is that I took another look at the...the... cloverleaf in Aitken with the binocs. And that southern dome [garble] to the east.

Mission Control: We copy that, Ron. Is there any difference in the color of the dome and the Mare Aitken there?

Evans: Yes there is... That Condor, Condorsey, or Condorecet or whatever you want to call it there. Condorecet Hotel is the one that has got the diamond-shaped fill down in the, uh, floor.

Mission Control: Robert. Understand. Condorcet Hotel.

Evans: Condor. Condorset. Alpha. They've either caught a landslide on it or it's got a...and it doesn't look like [garble] in the other side of the wall in the northwest side.

Mission Control: OK, we copy that; northwest wall of Condorcet A.

Evans: The area is oval or elliptical in shape. Of course, the ellipse is toward the top.

(Source: *Don Wilson, Our Mysterious Spaceship Moon*, Dell Books, USA, 1975, via 5 April 1996 posting at <http://www.v-j-enterprises.com/astro2.html>)



"Long time, no see."



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PIONEERS OF THE AURA

by Karen Mutton

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The idea for this book about pioneering research into the aura came to Karen Mutton while she was writing revisions to her book about the mystic T. Lobsang Rampa (see NEXUS 13/02-03), who himself had much to teach about the aura or human energy field. Soon she discovered that this field had been observed by clairvoyants in many ancient cultures and she noticed it had also been depicted in religious artworks, for example as a halo around the head or a glow around the body. She also realised it was being researched by modern-day pioneers whose discoveries were being dismissed by orthodox science.

Pioneers of the Aura would have to be the only collection of its kind, with information about past and present luminaries in the field of aura research. Beginning with Paracelsus in the 16th century and Baron von Reichenbach (of *Od* fame) in the 19th (see extract in 14/06), Mutton discusses formative views on the universal fluid of life. Among the many change-agents featured here are Theosophists Leadbeater and Bailey, clairvoyant Edgar Cayce and aura-photography inventor Semyon Kirlian.

Most people have heard of Kirlian photography but don't necessarily realise it's been considerably refined in recent times—by scientists, engineers and psychologists alike.

Dr Valerie Hunt, Dr Konstantin Korotkov and Dr Harry Oldfield are just three of the modern-day pioneers featured here. Dr Oldfield, for instance, has developed not only a viewing but a healing technology that is revolutionising how we perceive and respond to subtle energy fields (NEXUS Conference-goers were recently treated to his images and crystal healing techniques).

Bioelectric organising fields (Dr Rupert Sheldrake's morphic resonance), the electromagnetic nature of the bioenergy field and the nature of the emotional body are covered here, and there's much more besides. Each entry is only a few pages long, but reference details are provided to aid research.

THE LIGHT REVOLUTION: Health, Architecture and the Sun

by Richard Hobday, PhD

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As I write this review, I'm hearing news reports that despite all the calls to cover up from the harmful rays of the Sun to protect against skin cancer, we're depleting ourselves of essential vitamin D which we can only extract from our skin via sunlight.

Richard Hobday's new book helps us understand how fundamental natural, full-spectrum light is to good health. Low levels of light from artificial sources in indoor environments increase our susceptibility to mood swings and have adverse effects on our immune system. The author considers the link between lack of sunlight, serotonin levels and suicide, plus how to overcome light deprivation and harness the antimicrobial powers of light. He points to recent research that confirms that heart attack suf-

ferers have a better chance of recovery if placed in sunlit as opposed to dull rooms, and that hospital patients get fewer bugs if they can catch sight of the Sun.

Dr Hobday, an independent consultant, researcher and lecturer, notes that ancient architects recognised the importance of the Sun and designed temples to facilitate solar worship by bringing the light indoors. Ancient physicians, too, recognised the importance of indoor levels of light higher than those required for vision, as did Modernist architects like Le Corbusier and Walter Gropius who included sunlight traps in their designs. Dr Hobday devotes a chapter, "Temples to the Sun", to heliotherapy centres as well as orientation of buildings to make the most of available sunlight.

We can utilise more of the light at our disposal by taking heed of the practices of the ancient Romans who regarded it so highly that they had "right to sunlight" legislation. Dr Hobday includes copious references for those who seek more enlightenment.



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TIME STANDS STILL: New Light on Megalithic Science

by Keith Critchlow

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The four "true" arts/sciences common to all cultures are arithmetic, geometry, harmonics/music and astronomy. They represent timeless scientific values that when accessed means that humanity can participate with the Divine mind and bring the spiritual into the material world. So concludes Professor Keith Critchlow in the new foreword to this revised publication of his seminal 1979 book *Time Stands Still*.

The evidence suggests that in Neolithic Britain, mankind had a special connection with the unseen, able to combine intuitive sourcing of information with the logical thinking required to apply it in a practical sense. The ancient Britons shaped Platonic solids and created 3-4-5 right-angled triangles out of knotted cord thousands of years before Plato and Pythagoras. Knotted cords with 12 and 13 intervals, for instance, could be used to mark out ground plans precisely for temples and observatories, whether circular or egg-shaped, which conformed to multifold geometries. The ancients knew that the golden section permeates the world and cosmic time cycles, so the cosmos is based on intelligible principles.

Prof. Critchlow acknowledges Prof. Alexander Thom's groundbreaking work in surveying Britain's megalithic structures, as published in his 1967 book *Megalithic Sites in Britain*. He also lauds photographer Rod Bull, whose beautiful colour prints of Neolithic sites adorn these pages. And in

his new afterword he recommends the books of several authors who have added to his original thesis: John Martineau and Robin Heath in particular. In discussing the golden mean within the cosmic scheme, he says that once we concede that number is our unique entrance to our understanding of the universal order, we shouldn't be surprised that unresolvable values such as the golden mean can be expressed clearly in the geometry of the five-pointed star. Brilliant!

LAND OF THE GODS: How a Scottish landscape was sanctified to become Arthur's "Camelot"

by Philip Coppens

Frontier Publishing, Amsterdam, 2007 ISBN 1-931882-69-X (238pp tpb) Available: www.frontierpublishing.nl; www.adventuresunlimitedpress.com

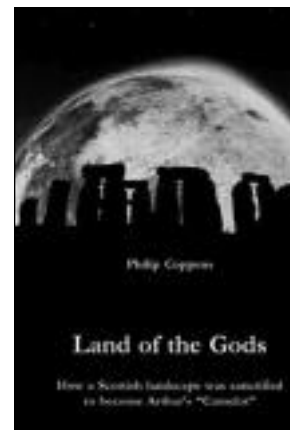
The original Camelot may well have been in the Lothian and Borders region of Scotland and perhaps was Tantallon Castle, east of North Berwick, says Philip Coppens in *Land of the Gods*. The land was inhabited by a Sun-worshipping Celtic tribe, the Gododdin, whose capital was Traprain Law, a volcanic hill that dominates the landscape and is surrounded by megalithic standing stones. Indeed, it's not widely known that Scotland is littered with megaliths and tors, suggestive of a landscape worship tradition preceding the Celts by several millennia.

The Gododdin apparently also regarded the landscape as sacred and intrinsic to their mythology and rituals. The name of their Sun god was Loth, preserved in the name of the locale. With records of this ancient tribe being almost nonexistent, it was quite a task for Coppens to piece together their history, social mores and beliefs but he's done an

admirable job. The language they spoke was Brythonic, the forerunner to Welsh.

The Gododdin were never conquered by the invading Romans (whose administrative records shed little light on the tribe, known to them as the Votadini), but, when the Romans quit Britain around 430 AD, this tribe and their lands were threatened by marauding Picts, Anglians and Saxons. A great warrior-king, called Loth (titled after their god) came to prominence in the period 410-440 AD and protected the lands and people, but after two centuries of relative peace the Gododdin, now based at Din Eidyn (today's Edinburgh), were defeated and fled to Wales where they immortalised their history and landscape-dreaming in the legend of King Arthur. Interestingly, a landscape feature that towers over Edinburgh is known as "Arthur's Seat".

This fascinating overview, with a section of b&w photographs of landscape features, is a reminder that having a "sense of place" is intrinsic to having an identity.





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EVERYTHING YOU KNOW ABOUT GOD IS WRONG: The Disinformation Guide to Religion

edited by Russ Kick

The Disinformation Company Ltd, New York, 2007, <http://www.disinfo.com>
ISBN 1-932857-59-1 (387pp tpb)

Available: **Australia**—Tower Books, tel (02) 9975 5566; **UK, Eire**—Virgin Books, tel 020 7386 3300; **USA, Canada**—Consortium, tel 1800 283 3572

The Disinformation Company's *Guide to Religion* is irreverent and scathing in its attacks on the perceived "rights" that are actually wrong about any faith or belief system you can name. And if what it's criticising weren't heavy enough, this book is a weighty compendium that could well free you from the shackles of misconceptions.

The contribution on atheism, for instance, in the section on "God-free living" is a logic-circuits check that says there's as much evidence for fairies as for gods, but we're not expected to *believe* in fairies. The article on erotic aspects of Hindu sculpture as an expression of the love of God references the ferocious reaction of dissenting Moslems who razed temples with fanatical zeal. The coverage of Catholic Church crimes includes a report on child-abusing priests who managed to escape justice by exceeding statute-of-limitation provisions.

This is not a book for the meek but for those who seriously question prevailing religious paradigms and want to get to the "inner sanctum" behind organised belief. Edited by "information archaeologist" Russ Kick, it reveals the distortions, myths and sheer weirdness that have been forced down our throats by religions of all persuasions, old and

new alike. It's a wake-up call, alerting us that we don't have to take this punishment. We don't have to be swayed by prophecies that may be scary for the converted but may be boons for the businesses of the perpetrators. The fact that the Inquisition has never been revoked should concern any wise person who has feared to tread due to lightning bolts or stonings.

That death can be considered without recourse to God and that femaleness can be regarded as a lesser state of gender are just two of the themes explored herein. So are travesties like the Catholic Church's laundry gulags for girls in Ireland and the invocation of Allah as a way to attract blessings despite deservedness. Perhaps, as suggested in these pages, curses ultimately offer some hope of justice. Well, damned if you do and damned if you don't! Read this book and get a grip on reality with a sense of humour.

GOD SAVE US FROM RELIGION

by Ian Ross Vayro

Joshua Books, Buddina, Australia, 2007
ISBN 978-0-9803617-4-2 (368pp tpb)
Available: <http://www.joshuabooks.com>

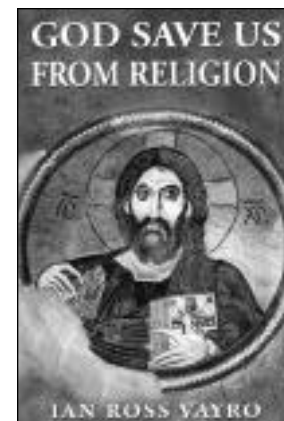
An interest going back to childhood in why people accept the most implausible information as part of their religious education is behind Ian Ross Vayro's lifelong research into the validity of theology. His new book is a follow-up to *They Lied to Us in Sunday School* (2006; see review in NEXUS 13/06) and provides more proof of the tampering of biblical texts that introduced the deceptions that are still controlling Christian dogma and beliefs today.

Due to demands from readers, Vayro includes another 20 questions in his "party tricks" introduction so you can test the

veracity of your religious knowledge against his explanations at the end of the book.

Among the gems is the reason why the Church, at the Council of Tours in 1163, banned the practice of alchemy: the possibility that the congregation might achieve immortality through the "elixir of life" posed a threat to the "eternal life package" of salvation that the Church offered.

Passionate about exposing the truth despite any criticism directed at him, Vayro uncovers such snippets as: the Church invented the miracles of Jesus and fraudulently added them to the New Testament; the Old Testament stories about plagues supposedly sent by God prior to the Exodus of Moses from Egypt and the guiding "pillar of fire" were more likely consequences of the explosive eruption of the island of Santorini; and the role of Jesus and his relationship with his "Father", God, is a direct allegoric steal from the Egyptian depiction of Horus and his father Osiris. There's much more to surprise and to ponder in Vayro's exposé.



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TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR HEALTH and Escape the Sickness Industry by Elaine Hollingsworth

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Australia, 2007, 10th edition
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International, tel +61 (0)7 5530 2939,
<http://www.doctorsaredangerous.com>

Not too much has changed in the seven years since Elaine Hollingsworth, of the Hippocrates Health Centre in southeast Queensland, Australia, published the first edition of this book. As she points out in the preface to this revised and updated 10th edition, food and drug manufacturers are still releasing dangerous products onto the market, regulators still refuse to see the "doctored" nature of much research and testing, and people are still suffering unnecessarily in the health system. Consumers, sucked in by slick adverts or poor advice from health professionals, are still pursuing unhealthy eating and drinking habits.

However, what *has* changed is that thousands of readers, inspired by the information and advice Hollingsworth provides, have made positive changes in their lives. Some doctors have even reconsidered their traditional beliefs and begun to investigate alternative therapies as a result of her influence. Unfortunately, though, the regulators are becoming even more hardline in their stance against alternative treatments.

Hollingsworth offers information, updated throughout, that is drawn from her research and experience in stomach acid and acid/alkali balance ("you are what you *absorb*"), problematic processed foods, good versus bad oils/fats, the "abominable" soybean, excitotoxins and hormonal havoc, the truth

on cancer statistics, water woes, protection from radiation rampage, and much more. In the appendices there are words of caution on supplements (first-rate food enzymes are crucial for proper digestion) and on foods to avoid. She doesn't advocate eating grains because she claims we haven't yet adapted to these foods that weren't around when we were hunter-gatherers. All in all, this is actionable advice for achieving good health.

THE POWER OF BEING by Alfons Ven

Edition Stichting Evolution Visie,
Middelburg, The Netherlands, 1999
ISBN 90-805024-1-2 (165pp book)
Available: Evolution Vision Foundation,
+32 61 512586, www.alfonsven.com

NEXUS readers following the two-part interview with healer Alfons Ven in our previous and current editions will be interested to know that he wrote a book back in 1999 detailing the story of his "(R)evolutionary Vision" and "28-day Cure".

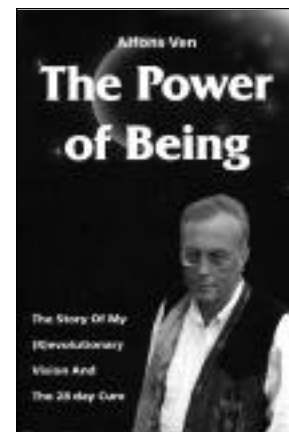
In *The Power of Being*, Ven explains more about how "the invisible controls the visible" and how his "little white pills" can reinstall the control system and help us become the healthy and purposeful beings we are supposed to be. The brief case histories included throughout are truly inspiring and show how these custom-designed treatments can restore physical health, overcome emotional/mental/spiritual blockages and assist people to become better integrated and in touch with their true selves.

Ven's visionary approach is based on two principles: the cybernetic steering system, which holds that any system of intelligence must be maintained to function properly; and re-evolution, which contends that every-

thing follows the pattern of 12 evolution aspects but that invisible and visible anomalies can cause deviations which can be fixed once the internal order is restored. Ven discusses how he intuited the 12 aspects—sound, space, fire, light, elements, materials, organisms, plants, animals, man, communication and planning—and how he applies these in preparing his cures.

He also describes the three fundamental evolution aspects of human personalities—sound, space and fire types—characterised by different combinations of three basic notions of doing, having and being. A fourth, the global type, he regards as emerging when the sound, space and fire aspects are in harmonious balance.

The 28-day cure is modelled on the lunar cycle—the time it takes most cells of the body to be renewed—and Ven elucidates on how the information encoded in the cures operates on four levels: metabolism, fields, person and order. Ven's powerful cures are not just revolutionary but evolutionary.





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THE PALM OIL MIRACLE

by Bruce Fife

Piccadilly Books, Colorado Springs, 2007
ISBN 978-0-941599-65-8 (191pp tpb)
Available: www.piccadillybooks.com

Awareness of the properties of good versus bad oils and fats is growing, and one choice that verges towards the former is palm oil, which is as integral to the diet of tropical Africa and Southeast Asia as olive oil is to the Mediterraneans and coconut oil is to the Pacific Islanders. The ancient Egyptians prized it for its medicinal qualities and regarded it as a sacred food.

Virgin palm oil, which has a red appearance, is pressed from palm fruit that grows in bunches with as many as 3,000 fruitlets. It has many healing properties, as Bruce Fife attests to in *The Palm Oil Miracle* (see reviews of his other books *Coconut Cures* in 12/05 and *The Healing Miracles of Coconut Oil* in 9/02). Evidence confirms that it can improve blood circulation, protect against mental deterioration, assist in blood-sugar control and the absorption of nutrients, and strengthen the key organs as well as the bones and teeth. It can also help combat an eye disease caused by vitamin A deficiency that's a scourge in parts of the Third World, particularly where traditional diets have been disrupted by natural disasters and malnutrition is a major problem.

Palm oil is a rich source of vitamins A, E and K along with coenzyme Q10 which are imbued with antioxidant properties and have a proven track record in helping reverse heart disease and in fighting cancer. It contains no *trans*-fatty acids or cholesterol and is more heat-stable than other vegetable oils. If you want to bake or deep-fry foods, then palm oil results in a better taste, texture and quality of product than most other oils. Fife includes traditional recipes from Malaysia, Africa and Brazil to demonstrate the uses of palm oil.

The problem with palm oil is that it's become so popular that tropical rainforests are being destroyed at an alarming rate to provide land space to grow the palms. There has to be a more sustainable, environmentally friendly way to grow this most beneficial oil-bearing plant.

DIETARY HEALING: The Complete Detox Program

by Kathryn Alexander

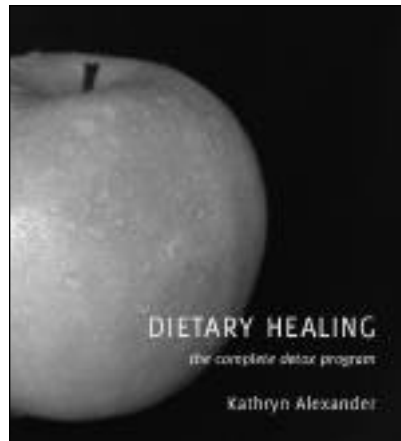
Annexus, Maleny, Qld, Australia, 2007
ISBN 9780980376203 (280pp tpb)
Available: <http://www.dietaryhealing.com>

If you've ever contemplated detoxing but didn't know where to start, you'd do well to obtain this book that tackles the subject from the perspective of diet as the primary healing modality. British-born nutritional

and Gerson therapist Kathryn Alexander, now based in Australia, is informed by cellular biochemistry and guided by the motto "Let your food be your medicine and your medicine be your food". Her self-published book is well designed with tables and breakout boxes that aid understanding.

At the heart of dietary healing, Alexander says, is the knowledge of how to weigh up the chemical constituents of what we eat and make the most of our nutritional intake. For instance, five times as much potassium to sodium and no more than double the amount of calcium to magnesium is preferred, but many of the foods we eat well outweigh these ratios. As an example, just by adding a spoonful of soy sauce to your organic brown rice adds over 1,000 mg of sodium (salt) to your diet and destabilises the delicate cellular communication balance.

Our diet can be harnessed as a powerful detoxification tool, and Alexander explains what you need to know to self-manage your healing, understand your condition as an



informed health consumer backed up by scientific and evidence-based data (see her article on "expert patients" in this edition), and make a difference in your life by adopting manageable shopping and food-preparation strategies. She has compiled some delicious, whole-food recipes that take dietary healing to an exciting new level.

It strikes me that these pointers are as equally helpful in detoxification as in maintaining good health. A range of health disorders including autoimmune problems, cancer, chronic fatigue, heart disease, diabetes, depression and more can be alleviated by means of this workable dietary formula. You can learn how to increase your cellular vitality, maintain your acid/alkali balance and get rid of devitalisers like salt and dairy products while aiding liver cleansing and controlling your blood sugar level. This regime requires commitment and discipline, but the results will be worth your while.

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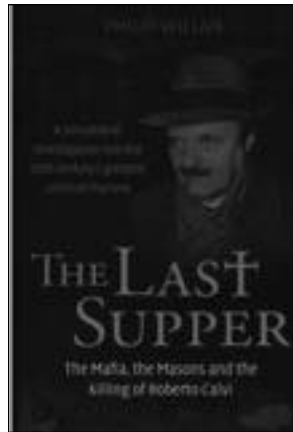
THE LAST SUPPER: The Mafia, the Masons and the Killing of Roberto Calvi

by Philip Willan

Constable & Robinson, London, 2007
ISBN 978-1-84529-296-6 (350pp pb)
Available: <http://www.philipwillan.com>;
<http://www.Amazon.co.uk>

Investigative journalist Philip Willan, based in Rome for more than 20 years, has made the murky side of Italian politics, especially in the Cold War era, his focus. He's contributed to several books (including David Yallop's best-selling *In God's Name*) which deal with unseemly financial dealings involving the Mafia, the Masons (the infamous and influential P2 masonic sect in particular), Opus Dei and the Vatican.

For *The Last Supper* he's turned his attention to "God's banker" Roberto Calvi, who on 18 June 1982 was found dead, hanging on scaffolding under Blackfriars Bridge in London, only days before the spectacular



collapse of the bank he chaired, Banco Ambrosiano. Clues found at the scene suggested use of masonic rituals and objects in communicating a message for those with eyes to see, or maybe it was a ruse.

Willan describes Calvi's history and his banking career cultivation by P2 and places the entire Calvi affair in its Cold War context where Western funding of anti-communist terrorism and insurgency and secret state-sponsored bombings were the order of the day. He retraces Calvi's steps from the fateful Italian dinner on the night he died and uncovers enough possibly deliberate bunglings in the British police/intelligence investigations and court proceedings to conclude that there was a high-level Western power network calling the tune.

Many vested interests had to be protected, and if Calvi intended to blow the whistle on this cabal and its plans for the international projection of state power, it was imperative that he be removed from the picture.

As Willan says in his gripping yarn, the

Calvi case continues to affect us today, and more is yet to be discovered about the role and significance of the P2 lodge in subverting the course of democracy.

THE CORONADO ISLAND UFO INCIDENT

by Michael J. Evans & Preston Dennett
Galde Press, Lakeville, Minnesota, 2007
ISBN 1-931942-29-3 (179pp tpb)
Available: <http://www.galdepress.com>

Only a small minority of alien abduction reports involve multiple witnesses. This book, featuring the testimony of UFO researcher and abductee Mike Evans and supported by ufologist/author Preston Dennett, is about one such event. It happened on 26 March 1994 on Coronado Island, south of San Diego, California. Mike, his wife Gina and other friends were there for a UFO conference. During the first night at their hotel, he suffered a strange puncture wound in his ear and he also developed flu-like symptoms, as did a friend, Nancy, who was staying in the next room.

Several times in the ensuing months, Mike woke up with puncture wounds and bruises on his body, so a year later he sought out Angel, a hypnotherapist whom he knew from his work with the MUFON research group. He suspected he'd been abducted at Coronado, but he needed confirmation—and this came when he was able to recover his frightening memories under hypnosis.

Nancy also underwent hypnosis and recalled a similar abduction experience that night on Coronado. Her friend Laurie, who was sharing the room with her, had repressed but conscious memories of Grey ETs abducting Nancy and also heard Mike's screams during the night. Nancy's brother Phil, who was part of the group, also had his Coronado abduction memories recovered under hypnosis. Dennett includes their compelling first-person accounts as well.

Further hypnotherapy sessions confirmed that all of these multiple witnesses had a history of being abducted by aliens.

Curiously, at the time of this multiple abduction, Secret Service agents were swarming around Coronado ahead of an expected visit by the then US President, Bill Clinton, and both Nancy and Laurie felt they were being watched and followed, as if the agents knew what had happened to them.

Dr Roger Leir, who has imaged and removed implants from several abductees including Nancy, contributes his medical perspective as well as a gripping foreword about one of Mike's UFO abduction experiences while trail-running near his home in the Simi Valley of California.

There are more questions raised than answers provided in this landmark book.



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GLOBAL WARMING: A Convenient Disguise

by Mitch Battros with Tony Stubbs

Earth Changes Media, Seattle, USA, 2007

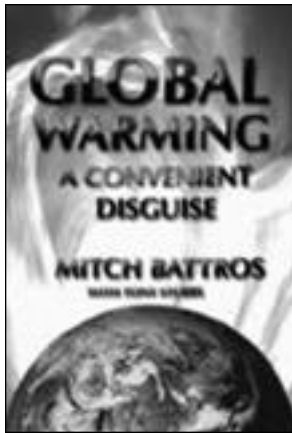
ISBN 978-0-9771348-2-3 (204pp tpb)

Available: www.earthchangesmedia.com

Parts of the Earth may be in a current warming cycle and experiencing weather extremes, but this is not due to man-made air pollution, says Earth Changes TV/Media director Mitch Battros, who has made the study of climate change his life's work.

While he does advocate having a pollution-free planet, he says the evidence suggests that stopping CO₂ emissions now will do nothing to prevent the inevitable global crisis that will see mass migrations to higher ground and clement climates in the future.

With editing and design input from Tony Stubbs, Battros has assembled data, graphs and arguments that criticise the politicised UN IPCC "man-made global warming" line. He features the views of dissenting scien-



tists who can see the flaws and false data in the IPCC's reports, and who are more likely to come down on the side of solar activity and cosmic ray fluxes as being responsible for our increasing extremes of weather (including a cooling trend in some regions).

Battros goes so far as to propose that there's a political agenda behind the recently ramped-up hysteria about global warming, and it's being spearheaded by globalists out to carbon-tax and control sovereign nations.

Discussing various short- and long-term cycles affecting the planet, Battros considers these in the light of ancient wisdom. His conversations with Mayan elders confirm that we can expect an "adjustment" as Earth and the solar system align with galactic centre in December 2012 at the end of a 23,000-year cycle. This "rebalancing" may result in dramatic Earth-changing events, and while we won't be able to prevent them, we can do our best to prepare for them physically, mentally and spiritually, Battros urges. That means having survival plans

and checklists for specific environmental threats, be they fire, flood or hurricane, and doing something about it in a practical sense. There's lots of good advice here to help you prepare rather than panic.

CREATION SOLVED? PART I

by Ron Pearson

Lulu.com, UK, 2007

ISBN n/a (238pp hc)

Available: www.pearsonianspace.com

It sometimes takes an engineer to see flaws in design and logic that physicists and cosmologists can't because they've chosen to hold onto assumptions that are incorrect. Ron Pearson, a British mechanical engineer who advocates a new discipline, "engineering physics", has come up with several theories that overcome the internal inconsistencies of relativity theories, are in line with quantum theory and put paid to the Big Bang notion (see his article in this edition).

While Pearson does not yet have a theory of everything (he's working on it, though), he goes far towards explaining how matter comes into existence out of nothingness, the void. He introduces the concept of the "i-ther"—an intelligent, conscious aether as the ultimate sub-quantum level of reality—and replaces relative with absolute motion as the frame of reference. He discovered that one-to-one collisions between "primary energy particle" opposites forces creation, as though the collisions lead to a breeding of energies. Together with an almost cancelling annihilation, the theory then provides a solution to a major unresolved problem of cosmology—a difficulty in the Big Bang theory that predicts a rate of expansion of the universe that is many billions of times too high. His "Big Breed" theory, with low energy in a more stable state, is his solution, thus the universe is in a low but acceptable rate of ever-increasing expansion.

Pearson's Exact Classical Mechanics (ECM) theory is a development on Newtonian physics in that, among other attributes, it accounts for the kinetic *and* rest energy of a mass. His Opposed Energy Dynamics (OpED) theory depends on "primary particles" being formed as a mix of both positive and negative energies. In explaining that energy, not mass, is the building substance of the universe, he disputes relativity theories because mass and energy cannot be regarded as equivalent.

Creation Solved? is the first book in a trilogy and is written with the lay reader in mind, so it's not too heavy on equations; these are in the sequels. It includes conversations with physicists giving critiques of his theories, as well as explanatory appendices and extensive references. It will certainly change how you view the universe.

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Compiled by Duncan Roads

THE GREAT GLOBAL WARMING SWINDLE

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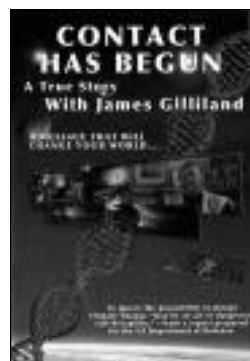
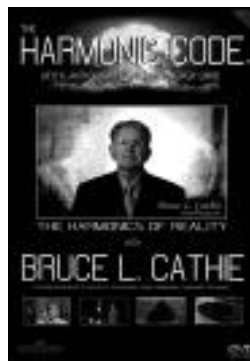
We've almost begun to take it for granted that climate change is a man-made phenomenon. But just as the environmental lobby thinks it has caught our attention, a group of naysayers has emerged to slay the basic premise of the theory of global warming.

The Great Global Warming Swindle is a documentary showcasing scientists, academics, politicians, writers and others who are sceptical of the scientific consensus on anthropogenic global warming, particularly in relation to carbon dioxide emissions.

Besides debunking the myths and exposing the motives of our opinion leaders, the film provides an expansive view of the opposing side of the debate.

It is a provocative insight into what is arguably the world's most controversial issue. Death threats, scandals and scepticism are additional ingredients in this contentious and confusing mix that has defined a generation.

At a time when we are being told that nuclear power will save the planet from global warming, you owe it to yourself to hear both sides of the debate.



THE HARMONIC CODE: UFOs, Antigravity and the Energy Grid with Bruce L. Cathie

from Destiny Pictures, Australia © 2007;
directed by James Colmer

Available: <http://www.brucecathie.com>

UFO/antigravity researcher and author Bruce L. Cathie is the star of *The Harmonic Code*, an exciting and revealing new documentary into his life and research.

Recorded between 7 and 10 March 2007, it contains exclusive interviews with Bruce on the harmonic mathematics of reality, UFOs, Earth's energy grid, matter/antimatter cycles,

the possibility of time travel and the truth about atomic bomb testing.

Bruce also discusses how he was invited to join a secret research establishment working on advanced technology. It was at this point that he realised he had stumbled upon an area of science and technology far in advance of the mainstream but kept far from the public eye. Bruce is acknowledged and respected for his decision *not* to join this secret group and for allowing us mere mortals to access his amazing research.

CONTACT HAS BEGUN

A True Story with James Gilliland

from DCT Enterprises LLC, USA © 2007
Available: www.contacthasbegun.com

This documentary, *Contact Has Begun*, from DCT Enterprises, focuses on the experiences and visionary work of James Gilliland. James has had ongoing contact with ETs and "off-worlders" for many years, including abductions, as you will see in this film. Indeed, his ranch has become a modern-day Mecca for UFO-watchers.

Special guest appearances are made by Dr Michael Ledwith, Neil Freer, Dr Brooks Agnew and exopolitical thinkers Alfred Webre and Dr Michael Salla.

The film also covers near-death experiences, orbs and forthcoming Earth changes.

And while I am *not* a fan of the theory that man-made gases are responsible for climate change, I *am* of the view that man-made pollutants are causing irreversible damage to our

ecosystems—and this film certainly advocates taking responsibility for our actions in terms of our impact on the environment now and in the future.

This documentary contains some great UFO footage taken by James Gilliland as well as footage of UFOs over Mexico, courtesy of Jaime Maussan.

The underlying theme of the film is reflected in the sentence on the front cover of the DVD: "A message that will change your world..."



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CDs

Reviewed by Richard Giles

IN THE KEY OF EARTH

by Marjorie de Muynck

Sounds True, USA, 2007 (60mins)
Distributors: **Australia**—Brumby Books and Music, tel (03) 9761 5535; **USA**—Sounds True, tel 1800 333 9185, website <http://www.soundstrue.com>

Marjorie de Muynck has been a student of Eastern medicine for over 25 years. She is a pioneer of music composed in the key of Ohm (*Om*), and in 1996 she developed her Acutonics system. Here, she uses acoustic instruments, creating harmonies, overtones and harmonics based around the fundamental Ohm. She captures the breath and rhythms of the planet and grounds the listener through Earth resonance. The effect is a deeply symphonic healing sound. A unique and earthy album.

THE MOOLA MANTRA

by Deva Premal

Silenzio Music, 2007 (52mins)
Distributors: **Australia**—Chris Hooper Proms, tel (03) 9844 5379; **Germany**—Silenzio Music, tel +49 (0)180 5091301; **USA**—Deva World, tel (877) 466 2583, <http://www.devaworld.com>, <http://www.DevaPremalMiten.com>

Deva Premal's new album is inspired by the vision of Indian teachers Sri Bhagavan and Sri Amma, who formed the Oneness University. Their vision moved her to offer *The Moola Mantra* as a gift of Oneness to all religious beliefs and paths. Whenever you chant this Vedic mantra, even without knowing the meaning of it, the mantra itself carries power. But when you know the meaning and chant with feeling, it's a million times more powerful. The album is divided into five blissful parts, each a section of the mantra. A transcendent experience; just play it.

GYPSY CARAVAN

by various artists

World Village Music, 2007 (72mins)
Distributors: **Aust**—Select Audio, tel (02) 9948 1811; **Germany**—Harmonia Mundi, tel +49 (0)711 2567671; **USA**—Harmonia Mundi, <http://www.worldvillagemusic.com>, <http://www.GypsyCaravanMovie.com>

The title of this film of poignant, exciting and wistful Gypsy world music was meant to be based on a Romani proverb, "You cannot walk straight when the road bends", but that was too long. Its maker, Jasmine Dellal, perspired for five years to

get these gifted musicians and this amazing film together. Performers include "Queen of the Gypsies" Esma Redzepova from Macedonia, brass band Fanfare Ciocărlia and Taraf de Haïdouks from Romania, Indian folk troupe Maharaja, and the Antonio El Pipa Flamenco Ensemble from Spain. An inspiring album of music from the film, to make you dance and shed a tear.

MESSAGES FROM THE WOMB

by Kate Street

LovefromBaby, 2007 (2CDs, 62mins)
Distributor: **USA**—LovefromBaby, website <http://www.LovefromBaby.com>

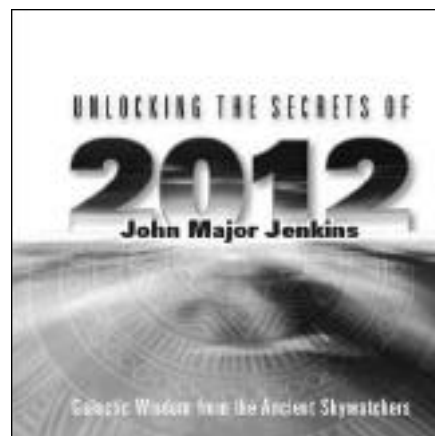
Kate Street got the idea for this work via her unborn child. "I believe our unborn babies are communicating with us, sometimes even before conception, and I believe we are, now more than ever, open and ready to receive their messages... I know the messages are from the unborn souls because the words flow effortlessly from me and often make me smile," she says. The CD pack comprises meditations on these messages and meditations to facilitate a beautiful birth process. For all expectant and new mothers.

UNLOCKING THE SECRETS OF 2012

by John Major Jenkins

Sounds True, USA, 2007 (3CDs, 3.5hrs)
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The Mayan people of Izapa 5,125 years ago recorded a wisdom calendar identifying the year AD 2012 as a turning point for the consciousness of humanity. John Major Jenkins (see reviews of his books in NEXUS 5/06, 12/05) is regarded as an authority in the field of Mayan wisdom. His three CDs take a while to get through, but when you've finished you'll be thoroughly acquainted with the time scales and 2012's significance. He claims 2012 is "not the end, but the centre of time".



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drive us deeper into a cul-de-sac, this fourth power, expert health consumers, will succeed in destabilising the current balance of power. When the core message from the three power blocs—"We think we can help you manage and take responsibility for your condition that we created and, if we're able, have you pay for it"—finally dawns on the majority, then the move towards truly preventive medicine, to managing your own health before you become sick, will become the new mantra.

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was there. Then he caught the sound and the space but he missed the fire, the conviction. He did not give it form. And then I gave him preparations to make him mentally strong. He had to face his friends again and that needed mental strength. At last he opened up. He did the work all by himself. He has finished his studies now and is doing great in life.

Super-intelligent information

Willem: If people call you, it doesn't matter from where...

Alfons: It does matter. They may call me in Dutch, in French, and in English. I understand German, but I speak almost nothing. So people can call me in either one of those three languages.

Willem: So they call the foundation in Belgium?

Alfons: They call the Evolution Vision Foundation. The international number is +32 61 512586.

Willem: And then they get Alfons Ven personally, or your wife, Maria. And then, reader, you tell him about your situation and condition, and you hear what else he

needs to know to customise your cure. You then get a few grains in the mail, enough for one month—nothing but lactose, little white grains.

Alfons: It is pure information. Earlier in this interview I called the information super-intelligent because it works on a super-level, where there is no more energy and no more vibration. Neither is there any limitation to time and space. That is why I call the information super-intelligent.

Willem: It is the territory where, once the information reaches it, no stone is left unturned. I have seen it with dozens of people now. All side-effects of any character change, which we call diseases and can be pretty severe, go away quickly. And once you discover that your character returns to its original power... Wow! What an experience.

And I talk from experience. And I have witnessed many friends experiencing the same. Do not ask me if I understand it, because I do not understand a word of it. It sounds great, it sounds convincing, but I have no idea how it works. But understanding it isn't necessary, as long as it works.

In Holland there is an old saying: "Once

you understand, you are old and grey." In Germany they say: "Once you understand, it is too late." We can spend an entire life trying to figure out why things work, but I'd rather have them work, even without understanding. You immediately feel in your own system when things work well for you—just as you feel very clearly when they don't. That's all.

Our control system is not somewhere outside us. It is *inside* us. And you know when your life works well, don't you? That might have something to do with a cause that cannot be detected by our most powerful microscope, and cannot be traced with X-rays or any other state-of-the-art technology we use to search the visible, material part. In fact, the material part is just a minute part of the real stuff, which is energy. Pure energy. You and me. There is no difference. Basically, we are one; isn't that so?

Alfons, thank you very much, and I look forward to our next talk.

Alfons: Thank you, Willem.

About the Interviewee:

Alfons Ven was born in 1939 in Belgium. He is president of the non-

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profit Evolution Vision Foundation in The Netherlands which he founded in 1996. He maintains that everything that emanates from the invisible is controlled according to "the 12 aspects": sound, space, fire, light, elements, matter, organisms, plants, animals, men, communication, order. He has developed his insights into a "cybernetic" health and lifestyle system, incorporating his 28-day "Ven-Cure" program. His book, *The Power of Being: The Story of My (R)evolutionary Vision and the 28-day Cure* (1999), is reviewed in this edition.

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About the Interviewer:

Willem de Ridder is a renowned Dutch multimedia artist, storyteller and radio broadcaster. He recorded this interview with Alfons Ven in 1996. Visit his website at <http://www.willemderridder.com>.

Editor's Note:

As president of a legal Dutch foundation, Evolution Vision, Alfons Ven works *pro bono*. He advises that the payment of 64 euros for a 28-day Ven-Cure covers the cost of subcontracting the practical work, and a small portion is invested in spreading the message. He conducts telephone and email consultations for free. A standard session by telephone takes 15 minutes.

Mr Ven states that most people require only one 28-day program to experience improvement. In the case of auto-immune disorders, he recommends two consecutive cures. He suggests that Ven-Cures be taken for the duration of any chemotherapy treatment. For constitutional disorders, he advises taking Ven-Cures twice a year. For terminal cases, Mr Ven provides special pellets for free, to help patients experience an optimum quality of life. He says that most mental problems are dramatically improved with one cure.

Every day, Mr Ven receives expressions of gratitude, but he is regarded by the Catholic Church as a

persona non grata, by the medical world as a quack, and by the media as a crook. He was recently gagged by the Dutch Ministry of Health, which publicly attacked him and forced him to downgrade his website and revamp his product information at considerable cost to the foundation.

In early 2007, a Dutch national TV station, in cahoots with the Ministry and the cancer establishment, he maintains, presented an interview with him as if he were a charlatan, but Mr Vens has received many positive reactions and heartfelt support from users of his products.

Alfons Ven's mission statement reads: "By means of the 28-day Ven-Cure, I want to give people a chance to evolve. To unlock their personality. Boost their awareness (identity-consciousness). Free their spirit. Restore their soul. Improve their health. The Ven-Cure offers possibilities on these five levels. It is not meant as a therapy *per se*, although the therapeutic effects are often amazing. Wonderful are the positive changes in life and the getting back on track."

Fabricating the Death of Adolf Hitler

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evidence given on two occasions more than two years apart—on 19 May 1945 and 24 July 1947. No indication is given as to which sections derived from which interrogation. It is therefore impossible to state whether Heusemann gave the evidence I cite in 1945 or in 1947.

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63. Lutze, 2006

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whether the documents they were looking for were for the purpose of identifying some sort of fragments that had been discovered, the first lieutenant made a very annoyed official face and put his index finger over his mouth, from which I gathered that my guess had been on the right track." (Lutze, 2006)

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66. Lutze, 2006

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Ronald Bulatoff, archival specialist at the Hoover Institution Archives, recently wrote to an Australian researcher with whom I am in contact confirming that the document remains

classified. Oddly enough, Mark Benecke, a German forensic biologist, writes on his website (<http://www.benecke.com/airhihe.html>): "The reports of Hitler's dentist, Blaschke (who had formerly studied in the U.S.), and other witnesses clearly show that the teeth in that little cigar box must indeed be the Fuehrer's (see Figure 5)."

If Benecke has had access to a report that remains classified, this suggests that he is working in tandem with the US military to keep the hoax alive. It is hard to see any other reason why he should be granted access to a document that members of the general public are not allowed to examine.

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